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TOWN OFFICERS—1882–83.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

JAMES REID, *Chairman.*
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN, JOSEPH L. PRATT.

Town Clerk.

WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN.

Treasurer.

JAMES A. BANCROFT.

Collector of Taxes.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE.

School Committee.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.* -	Term expires,	1884
HENRY G. KITTREDGE, *Secretary.* -	" "	1885
GEORGE E. PUTNEY, - - -	" "	1884
STILLMAN E. PARKER, - - -	" "	1883
JAMES A. BANCROFT, - - -	" "	1885
EDWARD F. PARKER, - - -	" "	1883

Road Commissioners.

CHARLES A. WESTON, *Chairman.* -	Term expires,	1885
HENRY S. LA CLAIR, - - -	" "	1884
JONATHAN MOULTON, - - -	" "	1883

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES H. LANG, *Chief* [resigned Feb. 1, 1883.]
GEORGE H. PARKER, *Clerk.* EDWARD C. NICHOLS,
WILLIAM L. CROWE, WENDELL BANCROFT.

Constables.

HUBBARD E. COX, WILLIAM L. CROWE.

Policemen.

HUBBARD E. COX, *Chief.* WILLIAM L. CROWE,
SAMUEL BROWN, EDWIN BASSETT.
EDWIN W. BLOOD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

R. DEXTER TEMPLE.

Trustees of Public Library.

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman.*	Term expires,	1883
HIRAM BARRUS, *Secretary.*	" "	1885
WALTER S. PARKER,	" "	1885
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	" "	1884
JAMES H. GRIGGS,	" "	1884
HORACE G. WADLIN,	" "	1883

Trustees of Cemetery.

SOLON BANCROFT,	Term expires,	1885
WILLIAM J. WIGHTMAN,	" "	1885
FRANCIS O. DEWEY,	" "	1884
GILMAN C. GLEASON,	" "	1884
WILLIAM S. RICHARDSON,	" "	1883
JAMES A. BANCROFT,	" "	1883

Auditors.

EDWARD APPLETON,
CHARLES H. NOWELL. GILMAN L. PARKER.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

Births Registered in Reading in 1882.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 9	Lewis Miville Gleason,	M	John C. and Harriet L.	Coal Dealer.
" 9	Ella Martin Gleason,	F	*Twins.*	" "
" 9	Edna Stimson Gleason,	F	Rodney H. and Julia R.,	Cabinet Maker.
" 12	Granville,	M	Henry E. and Mary,	
Feb. 6	Ethelind Abbott Smith,	F	Benjamin Y. and Mary F.,	Organ Pipe Mak'r
" 24	Ethel Carrie Myers,	F	Frederick C. and Annie L.,	Brush Maker.
March 5	Alice Etherlyn Nichols,	F	Howard P. and Sarah M.,	Heeler.
May 3	Charles Tabor Fitts,	M	Edward P. and Caroline B.	Teacher.
" 5	Gracie Florence Day,	F	Arthur B. and Nellie A.,	Painter.
" 19	Albert Edwin Sargent,	M	George A. and Josephine,	Shoe Cutter.
" 27	Vera Emerson Scott,	F	Walter M. and Fannie H.,	Pyrotechnist.
June 2	JardineHamilt'n M'Rob'rts	M	William and Rose E.,	Mechanic.
" 6	John Mead Adams,	M	Frank S. and Anna E.,	Clergyman.
" 9	Earnest TimothyWakefi'ld	M	Charles and Mary A.,	Farmer.
" 14	Ralph Emerson Brown,	M	Samuel and Josephine P.,	Wheel-wright.
" 21	Evelyn Frances Heselton,	F	Herbert R. and Lottie E.,	Rubber Cutter.
" 29	Katie Culnan,	F	Jeremiah and Katherine,	Watchman.
July 6	Lena Bancroft Nichols,	F	Moses E. and Emma E.,	Painter.
" 31	Elmer Bickford Nichols,	M	D. Marshall and Phebe G.,	Cabinet Maker.
Aug. 16	Elsie Marion Tuttle,	F	Arthur S. and Clara A.,	Salesman.
" 20	Mamnie Annie Meuse,	F	John and Sylvia,	Laborer.
Sept. 16	Herbert Tucker Perry,	M	Everett T. and Hattie A.,	R. R. Employe.
" 20	Bertha Alice Gay,	F	Louis F. and Hattie M.,	Merchant.
" 29	Edward Francis Parker,	M	Edward F. and Annie F.,	Cabinet Maker.
Oct. 15	Catherine McCall,	F	Patrick and Margaret,	Harness Maker.
" 29	Edith Amanda Richardson	F	Elwyn B. and Edith E.,	Organ Manufact'r
Nov. 17	Edna Louise Marshall,	F	Joseph and Mary,	Slipper Manuf'tr.
" 18	Walter Gardner De Ronde,	M	John D. and Eliza,	Cabinet Maker.
Dec. 2	Edith Lurilla Parker,	F	Frank and Hannah O.,	Shoe Manufactu'r.
" 12	Charles Downey,	M	John and Nellie,	Laborer.
" 19	Foster Earl Merrill,	M	Edwin E. and Anna M.,	Machinist.
" 25	Emerson,	F	Arthur G. and Emily F.,	Farmer.
" 30	Mary Alice White,	F	Joseph and Julia,	Mechanic.

Whole number of Births registered in 1882, 33. Males, 14; Females, 19.

Nativity of Parents, American, Fathers, 26; Mothers, 25. Foreign, Fathers, 7; Mothers, 8.

Marriages Registered in Reading for the Year 1882.

DATE.	NAME OF GROOM AND AND BRIDE	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION OF GROOM.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 4	James Keneely,	33	Reading,	Cabinet Maker,	Lowell,	Edward and Mary,	Rev. L. J. White.
	Abbie Frances Stevens,	37	Reading,		Reading,	John and Eliza,	
" 11	Arthur A. Damon,	24	Reading,	Neck-tie Man'fr,	Reading,	Edgar and Ellen M.,	Rev. L. J. White.
	Cornelia Bancroft,	24	Reading,		Wilmington,	Harrison and Hannah C.	
" 16	Frank C. Morse,	27	Haverhill,	Picture Framer,	Haverhill,	Charles C. and Sarah,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
	Mattie J. Bickford,	24	N. Lon. N H.		N. London, N. H.	Daniel T. and Roxanna,	
Feb 2	Frank T. Knight,	25	Reading,	Painter,	East Boston,	William M. and Jane L.,	Rev. Wm. H. Wilcox.
	Ida E. Coburn,	24	Reading,		Reading,	Josiah and Eliza N.,	
March 9	Amos Nichols,	30	Reading,	Brush Maker,	Reading,	Wm R and Millie,	Rev. W. H. Morrison,
	Dora Bridge,	20	Wakefield,		Wakefield,	Charles C. and Georgiana	[Wakefield.
" 29	Chester C. Richardson,	25	Reading,	Salesman,	Reading,	George and Harriet M.,	Rev Frank S. Adams.
	Maggie E. Wilson,	23	Reading,		Arlington,	James and Elizabeth J.	
April 7	Frank H. Miller,	36	Reading,	Cabinet Maker,	Germany,	Mathias and Susan O.,	Wm. J. Wightman, JP
	Clara A. Houseman,	32	Reading,		New York,	John and Rose M.,	
" 19	Charles H. Nichols,	28	Reading,	Salesman.	Reading,	Wyman and Emeline,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Lucy M. Allen,	21	Reading,		No. Reading,	Orne and Sarah O.,	
" 25	William H. Byers,	28	Reading,	Engineer,	New Brunswick,	John and Julia,	Rev. Charles B. Rice,
	Lucia Goodale,	23	Peabody,		Peabody,	Jacob P. and Rebecca,	[Danvers.
May 20	Charles B. Goodhue.	23	Wakefield,	Machinist.	Beverly,	Addison and Harriet C.,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
	Mary L. Carey,	17	Wakefield,		Reading,	Daniel and Mary L,	
" 6	Alexander Meuse,	24	Reading,	Laborer,	Nova Scotia,	Joseph and Elizabeth,	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Annie Jacquard,	20	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	Joseph and Maria C.,	[Wakefield.
" 16	John Darwin Bruce.	29	Reading,	Mechanic,	Amherst, N. H.	John W. and Margaret J.,	Rev. Nathan R. Wright
	Mary Josephine Folsom,	23	East Boston,		Reading,	Joseph L. and Mary L,	[Woburn.
June 8	Francis X. Doucette,	23	Reading,	Stone Mason,	Nova Scotia,	John and Madeline,	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
	Fanny Froton,	18	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	Patrick and Elizabeth,	[Wakefield
" 14	Frederick W. Warrant,	26	Roch'str, NY	Shoe Manufact'r	Rochester, N. Y.	Wm. C. and Amanda,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
	Emma F. Dow,	23	Reading,		Harvard,	John O. and Frances,	
" 27	William P. Kingman,	59	Reading,	Clerk.	Reading,	Henry and Sophronia,	Rev. Joshua Coil,
	Rachel A Haraden,	49	Lawrence,		Salem,	Joshua C. and Mehitable,	[Lawrence.
July 2	George H Flint,	44	Jamaica, Vt.	Miller,	Reading,	Amos and Selina B.	Rev. Geo. A. Simonson
	Olive P. Roundy,	27	Reading,		Benton, Me.,	George W. and Naomi,	[Woburn.
" 13	John A. Boyd,	22	Derry, N. H	Farmer,	Derry, N. H.	Alfred and Emma C.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams.
	Ida M Temple,	22	Reading,		Reading,	R. Dexter and Flora W.,	
Aug. 5	John A. Marshall,	30	Reading,	Watchman,	St. John, N. B.	Stephen and Catherine,	Rev. H. A. Sawtelle,
	Anna G. Earle,	28	Reading,		St. John, N. B.	George and Carrie,	[Chelsea.
" 15	Ludger Porter,	29	Reading,	Stone Mason,	Nova Scotia,	Peter V. and Anna,	Rev. J. A. Donnelly,
	Elizabeth Jacquard,	16	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	Joseph and Maria C.	[Wakefield.

Aug.	19	William Brinley,	24	Reading,	Mechanic,	England,		Rev. Edward Osborne
		Elizabeth Fraizer,	24	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	John and Ann,	[Boston.
Sept.	6	Ernest B. Earle,	21	Reading,	Mechanic,	St. John, N. B.	George N. and Caroline,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
		Katie McGilvary,	21	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	John and Mary Ann,	
"	6	Jonathan Skilton,	33	Reading,	Farmer,	Burlington,	Nathan B. and Elizabeth,	Rev Carlton A. Staples
		Vestina P. Converse,	26	Reading,		Reading,	Albert F. and Vestina,	[Lexington.
"	11	George Wakefield,	25	Reading,	Milk Dealer,	Reading,	John and Sarah P.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams
		Grace Louise Wheeler,	19	Wakefield,		New Ipswich, N.H.	Lewis G. and Mary L.,	
"	16	Charles C. Talbot,	40	Malden,	Lumber Mer'cht	East Machias, Me.	Josiah H. and Eliza F.,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
		Eliza J. Norris,	31	Reading,		Wilmington,	Lewis and Mary T.,	
Oct.	12	William M. Harrison,	24	Stoneham,	Mason,	England,	Thomas and Ann,	Rev. Charles L. Shed,
		Lillian G. Butman,	25	Reading,		Boston,	Asa O. and Abbie N.,	[Melrose.
"	16	Edward H. Corrie,	31	Reading,	Organ Pipe M'kr	Philadelp'a, Penn	John H and Bella,	Rev. George E. Merrill
		Martha A. Mosley,	28	Salem,		Salem,	Joseph and Lydia D.,	[Salem.
"	19	John S. Gilman,	28	Reading,	Mechanic,	Ireland,	Samuel and Joanna,	Rev. J. A. Donnelly,
		Susan T. Doherty,	28	Boston,		Boston,	George and Susan,	[Wakefield.
"	19	William H. Nichols,	23	Reading,	Dealer in Beef,	Reading,	Wm. G. and Mary,	Rev. W. Silverthorne.
		Cora M. Prescott,	25	Reading,		Reading,	Thomas E. and Abigal E.	
"	23	Ephraim Meuse,	21	Reading,	Mechanic,	Nova Scotia,	Callies and Margaret,	Rev M. F. Flately,
		Katie A. Mero,	22	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	Alexander and Margaret	[Wakefield.
Nov.	1	William E. S. Marshall,	21	Reading,	Mechanic,	St. John, N. B.	Stephen and Catherine,	Rev. W. Silverthorne,
		Annie E. Tully,	20	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	Thomas and Annie,	
"	5	Stilson H. Dow,	52	Reading,	Cabinet Maker,	Manchester,	Jacob H. and Sally,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
		Elizabeth C. Robinson,	57	Reading,		Ashland, N. H.,	John and Sarah,	
"	7	Asa Parker,	31	Reading,	Farmer,	Reading,	George and Mehitable,	Rev. M. F. Flatley,
		Sarah A. Lythgoe,	25	Reading,		Boston,	John and Mary A.,	[Wakefield.
"	9	Robert N. Yancey,	22	Stoneham,	Painter,	Danville, Va.,	John R. and Virginia,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
		Fannie P. Reed,	19	Stoneham,		Black Walnut, Va.	Peter and Martha A.,	
"	29	Edward Lovejoy,	29	Reading,	Pianoforte M'kr	Reading,	Daniel B. and Mary A.,	Rev. W. H. Wilcox,
		Ida M. Marston,	23	Reading,		West Valley, Vt.,	John G. and Julia A.,	[Malden.
"	29	James H. Wentworth,	31	Reading,	Machinist,	Lawrence,	John and Betsey,	Rev. J. W. Hamilton,
		Alice C. Keith,	27	Boston,		New Brunswick,	Daniel and Elizabeth,	[Boston.
"	30	Henry Hall,	45	Prov., R. I.	Mechanic,	Sterling, Conn.,	John and Mary,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
		Mary P. Richardson,	32	Reading,		Lawrence,	Moses and Sally P.,	
Dec.	30	John H. Orr,	25	Reading,	Mechanic,	Bingham, Me.,	Lewis and Mary,	Rev. James K. Ewer.
		Dora E. Faulkner,	28	Reading,		Nova Scotia,	Cornelius and Rachel,	

Whole number of Marriages in Reading for the year 1882, 37. Nativity of persons married: American, Males, 25; Females 27; Foreign, Males, 12; Females, 10.

Deaths Registered in Reading for the year 1882.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE. Y.	M.	D.	NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBANDS.	CAUSE.
Jan. 4	Mary Carter (Norwood,)	60	3	13	William and Betsey,	Tuberulosis.
" 5	Edward Arthur Palmer,	7	2	24	Edw. H and Emily M.	Hydrocephalus.
" 9	Sylvia M. Boyce,	66			James Boyce,	Pneumonia.
" 14	Lewis Miville Gleason,			5	John C. and Harriet,	Umbilical Hem.
" 15	Elsworth McAllister,	20	3	7	Benjamin and Mary A.	Embolism.
" 16	Lyman B. Foster,	54	11		Simon B. and Mary S.,	Cyst's & Diarrhœa
" 22	Ruth M. Reed,	67				Pneumonia.
" 25	Hannah Lewis (Bancroft,)	89	10	21	Timothy and Lydia,	Carbuncle.
" 28	George Bancroft,	85		24	Timothy and Lydia,	Heart Disease.
Feb. 6	William J. Corrie,	25	11	18	John H. and Bella,	Consumption.
" 10	Marshall S. Boyer,	78			Daniel and Mary,	Paralysis.
" 13	Willemina Hagsman (Hoeff	89	3		Antone and Kate,	Bronchitis.
" 20	Eliz'bth G. Stone (Goodr'ge	83	8	11	Ebenezer and Beulah,	Old Age.
" 23	Elizabeth Delay (Ciley,)	67			Thomas and——	Cancer of Liver.
" 28	Dorcas Pratt (Buck,)	74	6	8	Asa P. Pratt,	Cancer.
March 9	Emily H. Burnham (Halpin	63	1	20		Bronchitis.
" 20	Mary A. Barstow (Merrill,)	79			Enoch and Sarah,	General Paralysis
April 5	Elvira A. Buck (Eames,)	75	6	8	Joel and Anna,	Pneumonia.
" 6	Walter C. Goodwin,	31	2	24	George W. and Mary S.	Pul. Consumption
" 8	Sarah A. Lang (Staples)	55	5	8	Charles H. Lang,	Brights Disease.
" 9	Sarah Batchelder,	86	3	13	John and Sarah.	Old Age.
" 11	Carrie A. Morgan,	6	11	9	Charles R. and Susan,	Diphtheria.
" 12	Jennie M. Walker,	21	10		John and Annie,	Consumption.
" 16	Mary A. Morgan,	8	9		Charles R. and Susan,	Diphtheria.
" 18	Bradley Bancroft,	70	3	26	Timothy and Lydia,	Paralysis.
" 18	Albert E. Cordwell,	22			James and Belle,	Consumption.
" 21	Forrest Jenkins,	37			Henry and Martha C.,	Heart Disease.
" 22	Mary Dulong,	1	1	2	Simon and Mary,	Consumption.
" 26	Harriet G. Lewis (Swain)	24	7	5	Chas. W. and Henr'ta A.	Diphtheria.
" 25	Nancy M. Kingman,	58	4	13	Gilman D. Kingman,	G's'tis, He'rt Aff'n
" 27	Elizabeth W. Parker (Steele	68			Dana Parker,	Consumption.
" 27	Adna T. Swain,	54		27	Gilman and Betsey F.,	Consumption.
May 5	Mary D. Littlefield (Dean,)	67	10	16	Tristram Littlefield,	Heart Disease.
" 10	Elizabeth A. Hunter (Smith	39	8	4	Reuben and Elizab'th F	Pneumonia. [gitis
" 15	Arthur Edward Newell,	5	11	3	Benj. F. and L. Maria,	Cebro Sp'l Menin-
" 16	Sylvanus Martin,	66	8		Seth and Elizabeth,	Paralysis.
" 30	Florence Marion Nichols,		8	24	Willard B. and Lottie M	Meningitis.
June 2	Eugenia Louisa Foster,	43	10	9	Stephen and Louisa P.,	Inflam'n of Brain.
" 22	Mary A. Young,	74			Benjamin and Rebecca	Apoplexy.
" 27	Delia M. Davis (Willis)	28	11	14	Wm. H. and Abigail A.	Cancer.
July 7	Josephine P. Brown (Pierce	35	11	13	Samuel Brown,	Intestinal Obstr'n
" 9	Moses W. Eaton,	24	3	25	Moses and Lydia C.,	Consumption.
" 10	Ellen A. Twombly (Town'sd	47	9	23	William H. Twombly,	Consumption.
" 15	Mary C. Dunham (Pike)	23			William H. and——	Consumption.
" 22	Maria Randall,	81	2	22		
" 28	Francis S. Stowell,	40	4	22	Haswell G. and Ruth A.	Consumption.
" 30	Samuel H. Elliott,	73	9	23	Eph'm and Mehitable H	Cancer of Liver.
Aug. 2	Abigal Carey,	59			Patrick Carey,	General Debility.
" 4	Clara L. Brooks (Robinson)	29	4	14	Francis E. Brooks,	Consumption.
" 7	Jennie A. Danforth,	42	9	3	Wm. N. and Lucy W.,	Anemia.
" 16	Louisa Damon,	62	4	1	John and Tibitha,	Cancer.
" 29	George L. Wright,	11		4	Henry A. and Addie E.,	Diphtheria.
" 29	William W. Elliott,	57	9	8	Andrew and Sally W.	R. R. Accident.
Sept. 4	Mary Hartshorn,	78	7	8	Timothy and Sarah	Old Age.
" 17	Harriet A. Perry,	62	10	24	John P. and Betsey,	Typhoid Dis'nt'ry
Oct. 1	Martin J. De Ronde,	67	11	14	Nicholas and Nancy,	Paralysis.
" 1	Charles H. Hutchinson,	28	5	28	John G. and Martha E.,	Consumption.
" 4	Sarah J. Symmes (Hopkins	35	5	24	Frank H. Symmes,	Cong't'n of Liver.
" 5	Maria M. Beard, (Alger)	64	5	12	——and Mary M.,	Pneumonia.
" 15	William Ward,	37	8		Isaac and Catherine,	Cancer.
" 30	Deborah Brown (Freeman)	78		26		

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1882.—*(Continued.)*

Oct.	30	Roxanna R. Reed (Rich's'n)	76			Isaac and Elizabeth.		Old Age.
Nov.	8	Polly Batchelder (Symonds	98	11	4	Thomas and Hannah.		Old Age.
Dec.	18	Frank E. Brown.	26		12	Caleb D. and Nancy M.		Consumption.

Deaths Registered as above, 63. Males, 23; Females, 40. Nativity, American, 57; Foreign, 6.

THERE WERE BETWEEN	90	AND	100 —	1.
	80	"	90 —	6.
	70	"	80 —	10.
	60	"	70 —	12.
	50	"	60 —	6.
	40	"	50 —	4.
	30	"	40 —	6.
	20	"	30 —	11.
	10	"	20 —	1.
UNDER	10		—	6.

Dogs Licensed.

Whole number of Dogs licensed for the year 1882.....107

Males, 104.

Females, 3.

104 males at $2.00 each.....	$208.00
3 females at 5.00 "	15.00
	$223.00
Fees, for 107 licenses, 20 cents each.....	21.40
Paid County Treasurer.....	$201.60 as per receipt.

MIDDLESEX, ss., Dec. 5, 1882.

Wm. J. Wightman, Clerk of the Town of Reading, has paid into the Treasury of said County of Middlesex, two hundred one and 60-100 dollars for Dog Licenses for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, as per his account of 1st inst.

AMOS STONE, County Treasurer.

WM. J. WIGHTMAN, Town Clerk.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

Almshouse.

INMATES.

Catharine O'Keefe	Age 76	years.
Joanna Wall	83	
Caroline E. Wiley	76	
Mary Brown	82	
Hannah Welch	68	
Mabel Johnson	15	
Jonathan Pratt	73	
Daniel Spokesfield	64	
Alpheus Austin	63	
James Hunter	39	
Joseph Bancroft, admitted Jan. 2, 1883	67	
Cleveland B. Holt, admitted Feb. 17, 1883, left Feb. 24, 1883	67	

RECEIVED.

Charles Tweed, board for year ending March 1, 1883	$156 00
George W. Beasley, board for year ending March 1, 1883	156 00
George H. Parker, for board	7 25
Catharine O'Keefe, for pension	96 00
" " State aid	48 00
George Beasley, labor on highways	67 04
" " " " widening Ash street	19 26
" " " " removing snow	7 70
Amount carried forward,	$557 25

Amount brought forward,		$557 25
George Beasley, lighting street lights	233 75	
" " labor for sundry persons	7 10	
" " for wood sold	52 83	
" " " stock "	44 46	
" " " produce sold	77 18	
" " " supplies for 141 tramps	42 30	
		$1,014 87

EXPENDED.

George Beasley, keeper of Almshouse, salary	$400 00	
Merrick A. Stone, groceries	204 11	
Parker & Stone, "	337 25	
G. W. Atkinson, "	216 34	
F. H. Allen, provisions	86 51	
T. C. Trow, "	60 23	
W. H. Whipple "	22 83	
H. L. Day, crackers, &c	80 38	
J. L. Pratt, wood	102 43	
Charles Wakefield, wood	33 55	
Wendell Bancroft, coal	36 00	
Warren H. Godfrey, fish	44 99	
Francis Bartley, clothing	32 65	
James Reid, dry goods	30 16	
Emerson & Gowing, ice	12 00	
Matthew Hanley, carpet	7 25	
Moses E. Nichols, repairs	1 19	
John A. Blunt, blacksmith work	14 03	
R. C. Totten, " "	2 25	
N. W. Broad, repairs	2 03	
A. S. Richardson, repairs on pump	75	
Titus & Stevens, watering pot	75	
Tristram Littlefield, sundries	2 75	
Bowker Fertilizer Co.	5 00	
Joseph Breck & Sons	1 50	
Amount carried forward,		$1,736 93

Amount brought forward,	$1,736	93	
Joseph Eames, washing machine	6	00	
Lang's Express		65	
William H. Willis & Son, medicines	2	20	
F. F. Brown, M. D., medical attendance	31	75	
Mary Riordan, labor in house	130	36	
Keeper of Almshouse, sundries for inmates	77	84	
			$1,985 73
Total amount expended	$1,985	73	
" " received	1,014	87	
Net expenses of Poor at Almshouse			$970 86

COLLECTED.

Amount due Almshouse to March 1st, 1882	$427	86	
" " for lighting street lights to March 1st, 1882	160	32	
	$588	18	
Paid Treasurer	$588	18	

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Cleaveland B. Holt	$95	25	
John R. Dennett	7	60	
Widow Henry Hook	39	00	
Mary A. Blanchard	98	75	
Daniel Barnard	12	30	
Eliza M. Bancroft	79	50	
William H. Manning	89	75	
George E. Thayer	13	14	
Louisa R. Parker	94	50	
Benjamin Weston's family	18	63	
John H. Daland	27	00	
Caroline Weichman	111	00	
Lucy Freeman	11	50	
George E. Leathe	56	00	
Amount carried forward			$753 92

Amount brought forward,		$753 92

LUNATIC HOSPITALS.

Worcester, Benjamin Weston	$179 96	
" Mary Gowing	180 61	
Northampton, Abagail P. Beers	175 18	
		$535 75

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

Boston, Luella R. Lloyd	$80 75	
Lawrence, Mitchell Stone	17 85	
" Delia Dunan	3 00	
Orange, Mrs. Moses P. Merrill	7 75	
Malden, Sarah L. Penney	6 00	
Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes	138 00	
		$253 35
Paid city of Lynn, Sophia Best	$26 25	
		$26 25

TRAMPS.

George Beasley, keeper, for supplies for 141	$42 30
Total expense of Poor out of Almshouse	$1,611 57
Net expense of Poor in Almshouse	970 86
Total expenditure	$2,582 43
Appropriation for support of Poor	$2,800 00

Amount expended	$2,582 43	
Amount unexpended	217 57	
		$2,800 00

RECEIVED FROM CITIES AND TOWNS.

City of Boston, Charles E. Dame	$194 33	
" " Luella R. Lloyd	97 88	
Town of Lynnfield, Edwin L. Hewes,	1 50	
		$293 71

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery, tinware, &c	$311 21
Stoves and apparatus	121 12
Provisions	136 84
Beds and bedding	313 45
Horse	125 00
2 cows	90 00
3 swine	30 00
30 fowls	22 50
Light wagon	25 00
Farm wagon	50 00
Stone wagon	20 00
2 carts	80 00
Horse sled	18 00
Sleigh	8 00
Wheelbarrow	4 00
Mowing machine	20 00
Snow plough	5 00
Hay	97 00
Grain	13 10
Manure	75 00
Coal and wood	79 81
Lumber and posts	3 00
Fence wire	1 50
Farming tools, harnesses, &c	115 50
	$1,835 03

JAMES REID,
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,
JOSEPH L. PRATT,
} Overseers of Poor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION FOR TAXATION MAY 1ST, 1882.

Real estate	$2,148,662 00	
Personal estate	196,041 00	
	$2,344,703 00	
Subsequently added, real estate	1,860 00	
" " personal	625 00	
Total		$2,347,188 00
Amount of appropriations	$32,669 00	
State tax	2,600 00	
County tax	979 89	
Overlayings	619 43	
		$36,868 32
Assessed on 848 polls	$1,696 00	
" " personal estate	2,941 09	
" " real estate	32,231 23	
	$36,868 32	
Assessed on added real and personal est.	37 28	
" " 3 polls subsequently added	6 00	
Total tax	$36,911 60	

Rate $15.00 per $1,000.

Total number of polls	851
" " " horses	284
" " " cows	277
" " " sheep	1
" " " dwelling houses	692
" " " acres of land	5735

Total value of real estate in 1882.....	$2,150,522 00	
" " " " " " 1881.....	2,129,167 00	
Increase in 1882.....		$21,355 00
Total value of personal estate in 1881..	$393,998 00	
" " " " " " 1882..	196,666 00	
Decrease in 1882.....		$197,332 00
Mortgages assessed in 1881.....	$149,747 00	
" " " 1882.....	753 00	
Decrease of mortgages in 1882.....		$148,994 00

The foregoing statement shows a large shrinkage in personal property for taxation, the sum of $148,994, being the amount withdrawn by the operation of the statute relieving property from double taxation. Three estates aggregating $44,920 are withdrawn by change of residence. The balance of the amount, about $3,500, may fairly be considered as an unexpected decrease, the reason for which your Assessors are perhaps no better qualified than yourselves. The increase is easily accounted for by increased appropriations and decrease of personal property.

JAMES REID,
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,
JOSEPH L. PRATT,
} Assessors of Reading.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation		$650 00
George Beasley, keeper, for lighting	$233 75	
Frank H. La Clair, for lighting	28 70	
Citizens gas light Co., for gas	183 90	
United States street lighting Co., for gasoline	58 75	
Globe gas light Co., for gasoline	6 53	
Iron post and frame	10 50	
Street lantern	7 00	
Torch for lighting	5 00	
Iron frame	1 25	
Street signs	1 00	
Crate	25	
Alcohol	4 45	
Can	50	
William H. Bancroft, repairs	4 75	
Tristram Littlefield. "	2 00	
Moses E. Nichols, "	50	
Robert C. Totten, "	50	
Lang's Express, "	9 35	
Cummings' Express, "	4 75	
Amount unexpended	86 57	
		650 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation		250 00
C. D. Wright, printing for committee	8 00	
W. H. Twombly, printing for committee	13 50	
Amount carried forward,	$21 50	

Amount brought forward,	$ 21 50	
W. H. Twombly, printing 1200 town reports	142 40	
" " " 50 school reports	4 00	
" " " for Selectmen	29 62	
" " " for Assessors	7 50	
" " " for Town Clerk	2 00	
Cyrus M. Barrows, printing tax bills	5 00	212 02
Balance unexpended		$37 98

FLAG AND TOPMAST.

Appropriation		$125 00
Young, Caldwell & Odiorne, stick for topmast	$12 00	
James S. Bond, flag	50 00	
R. C. Totten, sundries	6 84	
Parker & Stone, rope	9 80	
Moses E. Nichols, labor and material,—painting	17 66	
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	19 95	
Garfield & Co., gilding	2 50	
Nathan Bancroft, labor	6 25	
		$125 00

DEFICIENCES.

Appropriation		$350 00
William E. Moulton, removing snow	$61 75	
Wendell Bancroft " "	14 50	
" " snow plough	7 50	
Henry Gorus, removing snow	5 25	
Jonathan Moulton, " "	32 65	
E. O. Gowing, " "	4 50	
Charles A. Weston, " "	27 54	
Hiram G. Randall, " "	26 50	
C. E. Johnson, sand for Mt. Vernon street cistern	7 50	
George Beasley, keeper, lighting street lamps	160 32	
Amount unexpended	1 99	
		$350 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation		$1,800 00
Dorcas Berry	$48 00	
Seth Bessey	72 00	
Mary A. Blanchard	48 00	
George W. Carleton	50 50	
Henry Deadman	9 42	
Martin J. De Ronde	42 00	
Elizabeth W. De Ronde	19 48	
Lydia C. Eaton	48 00	
Caroline Goodwin	48 00	
Sarah Hetler	48 00	
Harriet E. Hewes	42 00	
Eliza A. Hobbs	48 00	
Lambertus W. Krook	36 00	
Benjamin McAlister	72 00	
William Mears	72 00	
Sarah Nichols	48 00	
George A. Northey	18 00	
Catharine O'Keefe	48 00	
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
William B. Reed	36 00	
Charlotte Richardson	48 00	
Harriet C. Robinson	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	72 00	
Eliza Stevens	48 00	
Marcelle Woods	48 00	
To be reimbursed by the Commonwealth		$1,165 40
George E. Leathe	14 00	
John Flynn	16 00	
Frank S. Stowell	40 00	
Charles Jenkins	114 00	
John M. Houseman	144 00	
One half reimbursed by the Commonwealth	$32 800	

Appropriation		$1,800 00
Amount expended		1,493 40
" unexpended		$306 60

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation		$300 00
Jacob Mitchell, administrator, overtaxation	$24 15	
Martha J. Greenwood, "	8 40	
Emilus J. Randall, "	3 00	
Daniel F. Pratt, "	39 00	
C. M. Landers, reassessed to Arthur W. Tufts	15 00	
James A. Bancroft, collector, list of 1879, pers'l,	12 84	
James A. Bancroft, collector, list of 1879, real	1 71	
R. Dexter Temple, collector, list of 1880, polls and personal	36 68	
R. Dexter Temple, collector, list of 1880, real	24 54	
R. Dexter Temple, collector, list of 1881, polls and personal	51 49	
R. Dexter Temple, collector, list of 1881, real	19 72	
Amount unexpended	63 47	
		300 00

PURCHASE OF PLEASANT STREET LOT.

Appropriation	$2,500 00	
Andover Savings Bank	2,500 00	

SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation	$100 00	
Harley Prentiss, quartermaster	100 00	

OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation	$50 00	
Old South Society	50 00	

CEMETERY.

Appropriation	$250 00	
Solon Bancroft, on account of Trustees	150 00	
Amount unexpended		$100 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		$2,000 00
Charles H. Nowell, services as Auditor two years to March 1, 1882	$25 00	
S. E. Parker, services as School Committee to March 1, 1882	30 00	
George E. Putney, services as School Committee, balance due for 1881–82	5 00	
George E. Putney, on account as School Committee for 1882-83	45 00	
William L. Crowe, services, Constable and Policeman to March 1, 1883	59 00	
James Reid, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor &c	300 00	
William J. Holden, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, &c	300 00	
Gilman L. Parker, Auditor, two years to March, 1, 1882	20 00	
H. E. Cox, Constable and Policeman, to March 1, 1883	42 00	
Charles A. Weston, Road Commissioner	50 00	
Edwin Bassett, Policeman to March 1, 1883	3 00	
Henry S. La Clair, Road Commissioner to March 1, 1883	50 00	
Samuel Brown, Policeman to March 1, 1883	31 00	
James A. Bancroft, Treasurer to March 1, 1883	150 00	
James A. Bancroft, School Committee to March 1, 1883	50 00	
Amount carried forward,	$1,160 00	

Amount brought forward	$1,160 00	
R. Dexter Temple, Collector of Tax of 1882...	200 00	
R. Dexter Temple, Collector of Tax of 1881...	50 00	
Walter S. Parker, School Committee to March 1, 1883	75 00	
Jonathan Moulton, Road Comissioner to March 1, 1883	50 00	
Edward F. Parker, School Committee to March 1, 1883	50 00	
Henry G. Kittredge, School Committee	60 00	
William J. Wightman, Town Clerk	50 00	
Joseph L. Pratt, Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, etc	230 00	
Amount unexpended	75 00	
		$2,000 00

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation		$200 00
M. R. Warren, stationery	$3 00	
C. M. Barrows, "	8 75	
Thomas Groom & Co., stationery	1 55	
Ward & Gay, "	1 30	
Lang's Express	95	
Cummings' Express	95	
J. H. Hannaford, postage stamps	3 00	
Wendell Bancroft, coal	2 35	
George Beasley, Keeper, wood	8 00	
William Proctor, rent to March 1, 1883	150 00	
Citizens gas light Co., gas to Aug. 1, 1882	7 70	
Amount unexpended	12 45	
		200 00

TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation	$2,344 00	
New Loan	4,500 00	
Amount carried forward,	$6,844 00	

Amount brought forward,	$ 6,844 00	
New loan	12,000 00	
Expended in excess of appropriation	656 00	
		19,500 00
Note paid Joseph L. Wiley, Trustee	$4,500 00	
" Maria L. Delabarre	15,000 00	
		19,500 00

INTEREST.

Appropriation		$2,500 00
Theron Johnson	$440 00	
Chrisje Ridder	32 00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	300 00	
Amanda Goldsmith, guardian	90 00	
Marie L. Delabarre	750 00	
Prissie A. Leathe	22 50	
Mrs. Mary Stimpson	42 50	
Miss Mary Stimpson	45 00	
Charlotte Weston	12 00	
Institution for Savings, Newburyport	300 00	
Joseph L. Wiley, trustee	122 50	
First National Bank, Chelsea	150 00	
Jules R. Allen	5 00	
Harriet A. Brown	12 00	
Warren Institution for Savings	90 00	
Gilman C. Gleason, interest on trust funds for care of cemetery lots	8 50	
Amount unexpended	78 00	
		2,500 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Appropriation	250 00
Temporary Loan	2,000 00
	$2,250 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.—*Continued.*

Everett C. Parker, posting notices	$1 30
Postage on Committee Reports	4 00
Joseph Stokes, distributing town reports	2 00
William L. Crowe, " " "	4 75
Lyceum Hall Association, for use of hall	45 00
Lang's Express	60
Rockwell & Churchill, blanks	18 50
James A. Bancroft, taking census of school children	12 00
James A. Bancroft, surveying for Selectmen and Assessors	2 75
James A. Bancroft, survey and plan of widening Elliott Street	10 00
James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, temporary loan	2,000 00
P. B. Teed, labor on trees on common	3 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	29 84
Thomas Groom & Co., book for Collector	1 50
A. S. Richardson, repairs on pumps	10 00
Nathan Bancroft, care of flag,—labor	15 10
Benjamin Peterson, three bound stones	21 00
Charles A. Weston, setting bound stones	2 75
John Mellen, labor— " " "	88
Tristram Littlefield, for services on Committee on engine house	10 00
James Reid, cash paid for recording deed of Pleasant Street lot	65
Solon Bancroft, Esq., professional services in cases of Seth Bessey, *vs.* Town of Reading, and GeorgeA. Bessey, *vs.* Town of Reading	71 00
William J. Wightman, issuing certificate to Representative	2 00
William J. Wightman, recording births, deaths and marriages, for year 1882	29 85
Amount carried forward,	$2,298 47

Amount brought forward,	$2,298 47		
William J. Wightman, for making official records	12 00		
William J. Wightman, stationery, stamps and dog licenses	5 00		
James A. Bancroft, Jr., insurance on high school building	60 00		
Gilman C. Gleason, returning 64 deaths	16 00		
		$2,391 47	
Appropriation	$250 00		
Temporary loan	2.000 00		
	$2,250 00		
Expended in excess of appropriation	141 47		
		2,391 47	

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	$8,000 00	
From School Committee	207 47	
	$8,207 47	
Amount expended	8,207 47	

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Appropriation	$700 00	
From School Committee	58 55	
	$758 55	
Amount expended	758 55	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	$3,000 00	
From Road Commissioners	69 95	
	$3,069 95	
Amount expended	3,067 11	
Amount unexpended		2 84

RUT SCRAPER.

Appropriation	$125 00
Amount expended	125 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Appropriation		$450 00
Amount expended	$86 23	
Amount unexpended	363 77	
		450 00

FLAGSTONES.

Appropriation	$44 37	
Amount expended	44 37	

GUIDEPOSTS.

Appropriation		25 29
Garfield & Co., painting and lettering	$10 50	
Charles A. Weston, labor	4 00	
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	4 00	
Amount unexpended	6 79	
		25 29

LEDGE, MAIN STREET.

Appropriation	$600 00	
Amount expended	600 00	

WIDENING ASH STREET.

Appropriation		1,100 00
Nancy Frost, Executrix	$1,000 00	
Expended by Road Commissioners	100 00	
		1,100 00

CONCRETING SIDEWALKS.

Appropriation		500 00
Amount expended	$298 68	
Amount unexpended	201 32	
		500 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation		1,700 00
Amount expended	$1,646 29	
Amount unexpended	53 71	
		1,700 00

CISTERN, WALNUT STREET.

Appropriation		700 00
Amount expended	$306 75	
Amount unexpended	393 25	
		700 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools	$8,000 00
School Incidentals	700 00
Highways and Bridges	3,000 00
Interest on Town Debt	2,500 00
Reduction of Town Debt	2,344 00
Salaries of Town Officers	2,000 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	250 00
Support of Poor	2,800 00
Fire Department	1,700 00
Pleasant Street Lot	2,500 00
State Aid	1,800 00
Removing Ledge, Main Street	600 00
Widening Ash Street	1,100 00
Cisterns	700 00
Concrete Sidewalks	500 00
Street Lamps	650 00
Removing Snow	450 00
Public Library	300 00
Abatement of Taxes	300 00
Printing	250 00
Town Office	200 00
Cemetery	250 00
Deficiences	350 00
Flag and Topmast	125 00
Soldiers' Graves	100 00
Old South Clock	50 00
	$33,519 00

RECEIPTS.

Dog Tax, appropriated for Library	$187 49	
School Committee	266 02	
Road Commissioners	67 11	
Appropriations of previous years	187 87	
		$34,227 49

EXPENDED.

For Schools	$8,207 47	
School Incidentals	758 55	
Highways and Bridges	3,067 11	
Interest on Town Debt	2,422 00	
Reduction of Town Debt	3,000 00	
Salaries of Town Officers	1,925 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	391 47	
Support of Poor	2,582 43	
Fire Department	1,646 29	
Pleasant Street Lot	2,500 00	
State Aid	1,481 07	
Removing Ledge, Main Street	600 00	
Widening Ash Street	1,100 00	
Cistern, Walnut Street	306 75	
Concrete Sidewalks	298 68	
Street Lamps	563 43	
Public Library	250 16	
Abatement of Taxes	236 53	
Printing	212 02	
Removing Snow	86 23	
Town Office	187 55	
Cemetery	150 00	
Deficiences	348 01	
Flag and Topmast	125 00	
Soldiers' Graves	100 00	
Old South Clock	50 00	
Rut Scraper	125 00	
Flagstones	44 37	
Guideposts	18 50	
		32,783 62
Balance unexpended		$1,443 87

SUMMARY.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

For Schools	$8,000 00	
School Incidentals	700 00	
Highways and Bridges	3,000 00	
Support of Poor	2,800 00	
Interest on Town Debt	2,500 00	
Purchase of Pleasant Street Lot	2,500 00	
Salaries of Town Officers	2,000 00	
Military Aid	1,800 00	
Fire Department	1,700 00	
Cisterns	700 00	
Street Lights	650 00	
Widening Ash Street	1,100 00	
Removing Ledge, Main Street	600 00	
Concrete Sidewalks	500 00	
Removing Snow	450 00	
Public Library	300 00	
Abatement of Taxes	300 00	
Cemetery	250 00	
Printing	250 00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	250 00	
Town Office	200 00	
Flag and Topmast	125 00	
Soldiers' Graves	100 00	
Old South Clock	50 00	
Payment of Town Debt	2,344 00	
Deficiency	350 00	
Amount of appropriations		$33,519 00
Replacement of Loan	16,500 00	
Temporary Loan	2,000 00	
Dog Tax	187 49	
Amount carried forward,	$18,687 49	

Amount brought forward	$18,687 49	
Receipts from Almshouse, paid Treasurer	937 03	
" " School Committee	266 02	
" " Road Commissioners	67 11	
Appropriations of 1881	187 87	
	$20,145 52	
Amount of Receipts and appropriation		$53,664 52

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For Schools	$8,207 47
School Incidentals	758 55
Highways and Bridges	3,067 11
Support of Poor	3,519 46
Interest on Town Debt	2,422 00
Purchase of Pleasant Street Lot	2,500 00
Salaries of Town Officers	1,925 00
State Aid	1,481 07
Fire Department	1,646 29
Cistern, Walnut Street	306 75
Street Lights	563 43
Widening Ash Street	1,100 00
Removing Ledge, Main Street	600 00
Public Library	250 16
Abatement of Taxes	236 53
Cemetery	150 00
Printing	212 02
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,391 47
Town Office	187 55
Flag and Topmast	125 00
Soldiers' Graves	100 00
Old South Clock	50 00
Payment of Loans	19,500 00
Concrete Sidewalks	298 68
Deficiency	348 01
Amount carried forward,	$51,946 55

Amount brought forward,	$51,946 55	
For Removing Snow	86 23	
Rut Scraper	125 00	
Flagstones	44 37	
Guideposts	18 50	
Amount of orders drawn	$52,220 65	
Balance of appropriations unexpended	1,443 87	
		$53,664 52

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

We would respectfully submit the following report: — By the foregoing financial statements it will readily appear that the appropriations for the past year have been exceeded in two cases, both occurring in our department. In one case, — that of the reduction of the Town Debt, — we need only say that the note of $15,000 becoming due, was paid, and was replaced by one for $12,000, at the rate of 4 per cent., and the difference, $3,000, was allowed to represent the reduction of the debt, being an excess of $656 more than the appropriation for that purpose. The other, occurring in the miscellaneous department, was rendered necessary by several circumstances. The sum of sixty dollars, for insurance, on school property, was not taken into consideration by the School Committee when asking for the appropriation for incidental school expenses, and they, not having funds, were unable to meet its payment. Another sum of considerable amount for professional services escaped our minds at the time of deciding the amount needed, although the fact of an outstanding demand was known to us. These two items, taken in connection with the increased expenditure for police services, would reduce the sum expended below the amount of the appropriation.

POLICE.

The constant and increasing number of complaints of people who were annoyed and insulted in the streets and on the sidewalks, seemed to render it our imperative duty to organize the small police force of the town without delay. They were accordingly called together on May 27, and the organization effected by the choice of Hubbard E. Cox as Chief, and

William L. Crowe, Clerk, since which time we have heard no complaints, but many expressions of approval, and are fully satisfied the step was in the right direction. Appended will be found the very modest report of the Police, the first of, we hope, a regular series of annual reports, to which we refer you for information in regard to the needs of the police department.

BUILDING FOR TOWN PURPOSES.

The erection of a building for the use of the Selectmen and other officers of the Town, the Public Library, Eagle Engine Co., Hook and Ladder Co., and the Lockup, is again brought prominently before the town, by the reports of the Engineers of the Fire Department, the Police report and the free expression of the people on the subject. It seem to be almost unanimously admitted that such a building is actually needed, and the only objection is the expense; while we heartily agree as to the necessity and regret the unavoidable expense of such a building, we fully believe that the state of the finances of the Town, is quite as favorable at this time, and probably more so than it will be in the near future. We would therefore recommend the erection of such building the present year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The report of the Engineers of the Fire Department shows a want of interest, or perhaps more properly speaking, a feeling of discouragement among a portion of its members, as manifest in the smallness of the number of members of the Eagle Engine Company. The causes producing such a condition of feeling should be sought out and remedied, in order that the efficiency of the department may not be impaired.

The need of new hose is asserted, and should be attended to. An appropriation for the repair of the well at the corner of Green and Elliott streets is also recommended. The condition of this well has been the subject of remark for a number of years last past, it being considered far from safe for travellers, and, undoubtedly, should receive such attention as will render it safe and serviceable. We received with regret, on February 1st, the resignation of Capt. Charles H. Lang, as Chief Engineer of this department. Capt. Lang had long been an efficient member of the force, before his appointment as Engineer, in which capacity he has served the

town nearly ten years; he was a faithful and valuable officer, and the loss of his services will be severely felt, notwithstanding other able firemen are available as engineers.

STREET LIGHTS.

There has been, as will be seen, the usual call for additional street lights; and without saying anything detrimental to the others asked for, we especially recommend that lights be placed at the junction of Parker and John streets, and at the junction of Minot avenue and Washington streets. The former place being one of considerable travel and also the location of a Cistern, a light would be of great service in case of fire. The latter place is one of considerable travel, and very near a railroad crossing.

In conclusion we present the following list of appropriations for your consideration:

For support of poor	$2,800 00
Salaries of Town Officers	2,000 00
Military Aid	1,500 00
Street Lights	650, 00
Printing	275, 00
Abatement of Taxes	300, 00
Town Office	200, 00
Miscellaneous Expenses	300, 00

JAMES REID,
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,
JOSEPH L. PRATT,
} Selectmen of Reading.

Reading, March 21st, 1883.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

In Account with Town of Reading.

DR.

To uncollected Taxes of 1880	$1,278 45	
" " " " 1881	6,880 72	
Additional Assessment	2 00	
Committed Tax List of 1882	36,926 60	
Interest collected on 1880	140 85	
" " " 1881	168 11	
" " " 1882	68 40	
Discount on County Tax	6 53	
Tax received after abatement	2 00	
		45,473 66

CR.

By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, on 1880	$1,018 23	
By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, on 1881	4,725 08	
By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, on 1882	27,167 97	
By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, interest, 1880	140 85	
By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, interest, 1881	168 11	
By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, interest, 1882	68 40	
By Cash paid, James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, discount, on County tax	6 53	
By Cash paid, Amos Stone, County Treasurer	979 89	
Amount carried forward,		34,275 06

Amount brought forward,		$34,275 06
Balance uncollected on 1880.....	$262 22	
" " " 1881.....	2,157 64	
" " " 1882.....	8,778 74	
		11,198 60
		$45,473 66

Reading, March 1, 1883. R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Collector.*

Dr. James A. Bancroft, Treasurer, in

To balance in Treasury, March, 1882.		
uncollected taxes	$52 09	
cash	8,430 03	
		$8,482 12
Overseers of the Poor (Almshouse account, due March 1, 1882)		588 18
Sabrina Nichols, cemetery bequest		100 00
town of Lynnfield, support of E. L. Hewes		1 50
R. D. Temple, auctioneer's license		2 00
Engineers of Fire Department, for engine house and hose		47 48
city of Boston, support of C. E. Dame	$194 33	
" " " L. R. Lloyd	97 88	
		292 21
New England Trust Co., interest on deposits		140 73
hired money		18,479 33
corporation tax		956 03
national bank tax		470 77
state aid		1,084 50
relief of indigent soldiers and sailors		229 40
dividend from Quincy Insurance Company		20 25
County Treasurer, Ash Street account		500 00
premium on note		75 00
Road Commissioners		65 95
for topmast		1 00
R. D. Temple, collector list of 1880	$1,159 08	
" " " " 1881	4,893 19	
" " " " 1882	27,242 90	
		33,295 17
Overseers of the Poor (Almshouse account since March, 1882		937 03
County Treasurer, dog licenses		187 49
School Committee, tuition		13 00
" " books		3 05
" " school fund		249 97
		$66,226 16

ACCOUNT OF

Balance, March, 1882	$176 48
Received of State Treasurer	201 76
	$378 24

READING, March 1, 1883.

account with the Town of Reading, Cr.

By paying State tax	$2,600 00
" Corporation tax (adjustment)	10 03
" Selectmen's orders	52,220 65
	$54,830 68
Cash in treasury	11,395 48
	$66,226 16

SCHOOL FUND.

Expended for books and apparatus	$42 50
" " tuition	207 47
Amount unexpended	128 27
	$378 24

JAMES A. BANCROFT, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes, March 1, 1882	$49,900 00	
Town notes, March 1, 1883	46,900 00	$46,900 00
Decrease for the year	$3,000 00	
Interest accrued on town notes	520 32	
Due Fire Department (estimated)	1,000 00	
Miscellaneous debts	300 00	
		$1,820,32
		$48,720,32

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid Taxes of the year of 1880	$262 22	
" " " " 1881	2,157 64	
" " " " 1882	8,778 74	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	439 42	
Due from City of Boston	80 75	
City of Malden	79 50	
Town of Lynnfield	138 00	
City of Lawrence	20 85	
Town of Orange	7 75	
State (aid account)	1,350 40	
State (military aid)	212 00	
Unexpended balance of state school fund	128 27	
Cash in Treasury	11,395 48	25,051 02
Net debt, March 1st, 1883		$23,669 30

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town farm	$ 4,500 44	
Personal property at town farm	1,835 03	
		$6,335 47
Cemetery land and lots	2,300 00	
Hearse	100 00	
House	50 00	
		2,450 00
Eagle engine and hose carriage	500 00	
House	200 00	
Hancock engine and hose carriage	450 00	
House	1,200 00	
Hook and ladder, carriage &c.	300 00	
Furniture and hose	1,000 00	
		3,650 00
Property in town office	400 00	
School houses and furniture	30,000 00	
Public library	3,000 00	
Piano and apparatus in High School	500 00	
Land corner of Pleasant and Parker streets	2,500 00	36,400 00
		$48,835 47

The accounts of Selectmen, Treasurer and Collector have been examined and found correct. The balance of cash on hand, $11,395 48, as stated by your treasurer, is correct.

Notes to the amount of $3,000 have been paid, and the rate of interest on $16,500 of the debt has been reduced from 5 per cent. to 4 per cent. per annum.

We would again suggest that the receipt and expenditure of funds pertaining to the Cemetery be made through the Town Treasurer, in the same manner as for all other departments.

EDWARD APPLETON,
C. H. NOWELL,
G. L. PARKER,
} Auditors.

Road Commissioners' Report.

The Commissioners for the year ending March 1, 1883, respectfully submit the following report. : —

Appropriation for Highways and Bridges...	$3,000 00	
Appropriation for Road Scraper.....	125 00	
Received of different persons.....	69 95	
		$3,194,95

BILLS APPROVED.

Amos Damon 2nd,	for labor.....	$101 39
Asa Parker,	"	96 98
William Frost,	"	29 93
John Mellen,	"	150 94
Daniel Sullivan,	"	67 88
Oren N. Jones,	"	92 08
Joseph A Smith,	"	39 90
Stillman E. Parker,	"	51 00
Timothy Riordan,	"	129 04
Joseph Stokes	"	225 89
Frederick Tuzon,	"	61 07
Peter Frotten,	"	40 35
Robert C. Totten,	"	8 68
Willard B. Nichols,	"	25 80
Thomas G. LaChance,	"	12 00
Frank B. White,	"	18 00
William Farnum,	"	15 00
Dennis P. Babb,	"	30 75
Charles Green,	"	33 00
Emerson Smith,	"	130 82
Amount carried forward,		$1,360 50

Amount brought forward,		$1,360 50
Jeremiah Shannon,	for labor	13 05
Dominique Doucette,	"	26 45
Richard D. Wilkins,	"	6 00
Charles H. Ballard,	"	19 65
Nathan Crafts,	"	7 60
Arthur G. Emerson,	"	15 00
Henry F. Parker,	"	38 70
Patrick Burns,	"	35 00
James E. Wilkins,	"	6 48
Samuel N. Allen,	"	1 50
Thomas Dunn,	"	38 50
Patrick Barrett,	"	37 27
Martin Forbes,	"	43 87
Michael Forbes,	"	5 00
Wilmot K. Pratt,	"	1 75
George Beasley,	"	67 04
Charles A. Weston,	"	369 57
James M. Eames,	"	17 10
James A. Bancroft,	"	4 00
Oliver A. Swain,	"	138 33
Henry S. LaClair,	"	208 45
John A. Blunt		4 96
Estate of P. H. Jaqueth		35 10
Jonathan Moulton, for labor		305 73
Kimball Brothers, road scraper		165 00
Dodge, Gilbert & Co., steel bar		92
Parker & Stone, hoe		45
Theodore F. Gould, for labor		5 32
Wendell Bancroft, for lumber		1 30
Benjamin Peterson, for stone		38 88
Boston & Maine R. R., for ties		84
William E. Moulton, stone		1 60
Cummings' Express, for labor		15
Amount carried forward,		$3,021 06

Amount brought forward,	$3,021 06	
Merrick A. Stone, for powder	60	
Charles L. Channell, for gravel	1 32	
George Porter, "	5 75	
George W. Atkinson, "	13 80	
Alexander Nelson, "	36 65	
Milton D. Parker, "	9 66	
Lyceum Hall Association, "	5 40	
Waldo E. Perkins, "	15 85	
John M. Bancroft, "	55 38	
Sarah J. Bancroft, "	12 24	
Charles H. McIntire, "	11 00	
Charles C. Frost, "	3 40	3,192 11
Unexpended		$2 84

Appropriation for Main street ledge..... $600 00

BILLS APPROVED.

Oren N. Jones, for labor	$84 00	
Joseph A. Smith, "	37 05	
Richard D. Wilkins, "	109 40	
James E. Wilkins, "	109 40	
Samuel Brown, "	70	
Cummings' Express, "	70	
Henry S. LaClair, "	180 04	
Samuel N. Allen, "	1 50	
John A. Blunt, "	2 47	
Timothy Riordan, "	1 75	
Henry S. LaClair, for material	9 03	
George H. Sampson, "	55 64	
Boston & Maine R. R. "	2 52	
T. F. Gould, "	1 00	
M. A. Stone, powder and fuse	4 80	600 00

Appropriation for widening Ash street.		$100 00
BILLS APPROVED.		
Benjamin Peterson, for stone.....	$5 50	
Chelmsford Foundry Co., for casting.....	3 36	
Joseph Stokes, for labor.....	9 63	
Amos Damon, 2nd, for labor.....	6 00	
Jeremiah Shannon, "	1 00	
James M. Eames. "	1 00	
Charles H. Lang, "	25	
Frederick Tuzon, "	10 50	
Timothy Riordan, "	10 50	
Charles A. Weston, "	22 50	
George Beasley, "	19 26	
Oliver A. Swain, "	10 50	100 00
Balance of appropriation for flagstones		$44 37
BILL APPPROVED.		
Benjamin Peterson.....		44 37
Balance of Appropriation for Guide-posts..		$25 29
BILLS APPROVED.		
Garfield & Co., for labor.....	10 50	
Wendell Bancroft "	4 00	
Charles A. Weston "	4 00	18 50
Unexpended.....		$6 79
Appropriation for Concreting side-walks....		$500 00
BILLS APPROVED.		
George H. Nichols, Concreting on Main street,	34 28	
" " " on John street,	25 35	
Amount carried forward,	$59 63	

Amount brought forward,	$59 63	
George H. Nichols, concreting on Lincoln and Prescott street	$151 91	
George H. Nichols, concreting on Summer ave. and Temple street	87 14	$298 68
Unexpended		$201 32
Appropriation for clearing snow		$450 00

BILLS APPROVED.

Wendell Bancroft, for labor	7 00	
Charles A. Weston, "	10 22	
Henry S. La Clair, "	9 48	
Robert M. Boyce, "	6 00	
Dennis P. Babb, "	9 75	
George Beasley, "	7 70	
Charles H. Ballard, "	62	
Patrick Barrett, "	1 05	
Albert F. Emerson, "	1 20	
Jonathan Moulton, "	11 46	
William E. Moulton, "	21 75	86 23
Unexpended		$363 77

We recommend that the sum of $3,000 be raised for repair of Highways, and $400 for clearing snow.

CHARLES A. WESTON.
HENRY S. LaCLAIR.
JONATHAN MOULTON.
Road Commissioners of Reading.

Reading March, 1, 1883.

Report of the Board of Engineers.

To the Board of Selectmen of Reading:

Since our last annual report the number of alarms to which our department responded are as follows:—

April 5th, 1882, alarm caused by fire in the wood owned by Henry LaClair, onMain street, slight damage.

April 18th, 1882, alarm from fire in the woods opposite Hyde & Co.'s factory on Lowell street, no damage.

April 26th, 1882, alarm for fire in the wood on Summer ave., Wm. L. Jones had cord-wood damaged to the amount of $50, no insurance.

April 26th, 1882, alarm caused by the burning of the house and cabinet shop of Henry Beard, on Pearl st., both of which were totally destroyed, loss estimated at $5,000, with no insurance.

June 29th, 1882, three buildings on Haven st., owned by Mrs. M. Greenwood, and occupied as stores and tenements, were totally destroyed, loss on buildings estimated at $8,000, were insured for $4,400. M. A. Stone's loss, on grocery stock, estimated at $2,100, fully insured. M. Hanley's loss on stock of furniture, by removal, estimated at $300, fully insured. Wm. Mears' loss on dining room stock and fixtures estimated at $500, fully insured. M. D. L. Cummings' loss on household furniture estimated at $100, no insurance. Mr. Higgens' loss on stock and fixtures of fish market, estimated at $75, no insurance. Mr. Kempton's loss on household furniture estimated at $100, no insurance.

October 28th, 1882, Mr. Cooksley's shop on Woburn st., was damaged by fire to the amount of $350, fully insured.

February 28th, 1883, two cabinet shops on Pearl st., owned by Alden Batchelder, and occupied by George Beard, were totally destroyed, loss estimated at $700, insured for $500. George Beard's loss on stock and tools estimated at $500, fully insured. Warren Beard's loss on tools $100, fully insured. Total number of alarms, 7; total loss,

$17,875; total insurance, $8,750; loss over and above insurance, $91 25.

The apparatus is in good condition, except the hose, which has been in service nine years; it will wear some time longer, but is not reliable; it would be advisable to purchase five hundred feet of new hose. We are sorry to announce that there is a growing lack of interest manifest in the Eagle and Hook and Ladder companies. The Eagle company has been twenty men short of their usual number during the entire year; the company feel that they are not provided with suitable accommodations for themselves and engines; they complain that their hall floor is weak and unsafe; that the room below is so damp and cold, that it is next to impossible to dry the hose, or keep the engine from freezing up during the winter months, although a coal fire is kept in the room. The Hook and Ladder company have nothing but a mere shed in which to house their truck and meet in, consequently they are obliged to dispense with their monthly meetings, during cold weather. They ask the town to furnish better quarters; they also ask for suits, the same as the hosemen have, claiming (with good reason) that they are exposed to the water and dirt the same as the hosemen. Had we thought our appropriation sufficient we should have procured the suits. Another reason that discourages the firemen, is the action of some citizens (at almost every fire) who have not the manliness to volunteer any assistance, no matter how small the company, or arduous the toil; but they will stand idly by and not only comment on the work of the firemen, but criticise their character. These criticisms have a tendency, not only to throw a stigma on the department, but prevents desirable men from joining; besides, we consider the criticisms unjust and untrue, as the character and morality of the firemen will be found equal to that of any other association in town, composed of the same number of persons. We feel that the firemen in case of fire, stand nearly in the same relation to the town as do the soldiers to the country in time of war; with this difference, the former seek to save life and property, while the latter destroy; therefore, it would seem that the citizens should see to it, that the firemen receive the same aid and encouragement as do the soldiers in time of war.

The engineers would say in their own behalf, that they do not deem their judgment infallible, or their management free from mistakes, and while ready to listen to any wise suggestion, we dislike to have persons assume control of the firemen before they have been duly appointed to do so, as we have on one or two occasions been greatly embarrassed by their

so doing ; but if we are found incompetent, it is the duty of citizens to have us removed at once.

Our water supply consists of fourteen cisterns, each having an average capacity, estimated, of 18,494 gallons ; and, basing the pumping capacity of the engine at a hogshead per minute, each cistern would supply an engine nearly five hours. Besides the cisterns there are ten wells, some of which will equal in capacity the cisterns, while others will fall considerably short.

The well at the corner of Elliott and Green streets was not properly constructed, and is filling up with quicksand, and we would recommend that it be sunk deeper, and arched.

The new cistern near the Walnut street schoolhouse has not been completed, owing to the heavy rains last fall, but we think the sum appropriated will be sufficient for its completion. There are yet several other localities in town where cisterns are needed, and we would recommend the building of one or more each year.

We have been asked to call the attention of the citizens to the practibility of purchasing Johnson pumps. We think they would be valuable in keeping the roofs wet, and save withdrawing the streams from the burning building for that purpose. They would also be valuable in extinguishing incipient fires. The expenses of the department the past year were as follows : —

Paid Stephen Harrow, services as Steward, to hook and ladder company.....	$5 00
H. D. Babb, drawing engine to fire.....	1 75
C. K. Gleason, services as Steward to May 1, 1882.....	60 00
C. H. Lang, services as Chief Engineer...	25 00
Lang's Express, sundries	3 00
Hunneman & Co., spring for Hancock engine.....	3 25
Wm. L. Crowe, services as Engineer to May 1, 1882.....	12 00
Amount carried forward,	$110 00

Amount brought forward,	$110 00
Paid James Dewhurst, services as Engineer to May 1, 1882	12 00
William L. Crowe, watching fire, on estate of George Bancroft	4 00
H. D. Babb, drawing engine to fire	1 75
A. S. Richardson, services as Steward for Hancock Company	48 00
A. S. Richardson, sundries	1 50
George H. Parker, services as Engineer, to May 1, 1882	12 00
George H. Parker, services as Clerk	5 00
H. D. Babb, drawing hose-carriage to fire	3 00
R. A. White, drawing steamer to fire	20 00
Levi Hill, drawing Col. Gould hose-carriage to fire	5 00
H. C. Carbleen, taking hose-carriage to fire	10 00
Henry Batchelder, watching fire	1 75
H. W. Gordon, drawing supply-wagon to fire	4 00
Members of Fire Department, services to May 1, 1882	1,194 49
F. O. Dewey & Sons, for lantern	2 25
Charles S. Gerritson, services as Fireman to May 1, 1882	9 17
N. W. Broad, sundries	3 68
E. C. Nichols, services as Engineer, and labor on cistern	15 00
Hunneman & Co., sundries	40 00
W. E. Moulton, cleaning wells	24 00
W. E. Moulton, use of pump and teaming the same	11 50
Parker & Stone, sundries	27 44
Amount carried forward,	$1,565 53

Amount brought forward,	$1,565 53	
Paid W. Bancroft, labor and material	16 75	
R. C. Totten, repairs	4 90	
Moses E. Nichols, setting glass in Eagle house	80	
J. C Gleason, coal	3 63	
G. W. Atkinson, sundries	4 68	
P. McCall, "	6 20	
Parker & Stone, "	78	
Wm. Quilin, splicing rope	50	
Henry Stock, watching fire	2 00	
Wm. L. Crowe, clearing snow from cisterns	9 00	
Samuel Brown, sundries	9 25	
H. E. Cox, use of small hall	2 50	
H. E. Cox, making coffee	2 00	
Wm. LaClair	75	
M. A. Stone, sundries	36	
Lang's Express	3 88	
Noble Bunker, watching fire	2 00	
John A. Blunt, sundries	8 53	
Wm. E. Moulton	1 50	
Albert Janes, clearing snow	75	
		$1,646 29
Appropriation		1,700 00
Unexpended		$53 71

In concluding our report, we would make the following recommendations :—

That the Town furnish better accommodations for the Eagle and Hook and Ladder Companies.

That an appropriation of $200 be made for repairing the well at the corner of Elliott and Green streets.

That the sum of $1,700 be appropriated to cover the expenses of the ensuing year, and purchase suits for the Hook and Ladder Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. C. NICHOLS,
G. H. PARKER,
W. L. CROWE,
WENDELL BANCROFT,
} Engineers.

G. H. PARKER, *Clerk.*

READING, March 14, 1883.

REPORT OF THE POLICE.

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Reading: —

The members of the Police force, appointed by the Selectmen, met at their request on the 27th of May, and organized by the choice of Hubbard E. Cox, as Chief.

With the concurrence of the Selectmen, the plan of the work was arranged, so that some member of the force should be on duty during the evenings, for the purpose of securing quiet about places in the village where people have been accustomed to assemble. By this means a greater degree of quiet and freedom from annoyance to those necessarily passing through our main thoroughfares has been secured. During the year we have made but six arrests; four of them were for drunkenness, one for violation of Town By-Laws, and one for assault with felonious intent. In the last named case the party arrested was convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the State Prison. Since our appointment four cases of breaking and entering stores have occured. The amounts secured by the thieves have been small, the whole aggregating about sixty-five dollars in value.

We believe it would be for the interest of the town to employ a night watchman, who might go on duty as early as seven o'clock, in which case the services of the other members of the force would be required only upon special occasions.

The only place for detention of parties arrested, now provided, is situated at a distance from the village, and is not sufficiently secure to ensure safe keeping of troublesome prisoners.

We believe that one should be provided at some convenient location, better adapted to the purposes for which it is required. We also think it would be well for the town to provide for the use of its officers suitable badges, handcuffs and other implements such as their duties require.

For the purposes of police service we think it would be well for the town to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen.

HUBBARD E. COX, *Chief.*
SAMUEL BROWN.
E. W. BLOOD.
EDWIN BASSETT.
WM. L. CROWE, *Clerk.*
} Police.

Reading, March 1, 1883.

Report of Cemetery Committee.

During the past year the only permanent improvements undertaken, have been simply the extension of avenues and paths, such as the taking up of new lots by purchasers, has made necessary. The cemetery has been kept in as tidy a condition, so far as the public portion is concerned, as it has ever been, and the owners of private lots, show a growing interest in their care. We have not drawn the full amount appropriated by the town at the last annual meeting, and we do not see occasion for any increase of appropriation or expenditure for the coming year.

The following financial statement is respectfully submitted:—

Balance on hand March 1, 1882	$155 10	
Drawn from Town appropriation	150 00	
Received from sale of lots	192 00	
		$497 10
Paid G. C. Gleason, for labor	$127 00	
Paid Timothy Riordan, "	10 49	
Paid M. Hennesey, "	7 00	
Paid Eben Buxton, "	1 75	
Paid P. Barrett, "	136 99	
Paid C. K. Gleason, "	18 37	
Paid R. M. Boyce, " and teams	78 34	
Paid W. Bryant, for labor and use of stump-puller	10 00	
Paid H. P. Nichols, for gravel	8 40	
Paid E. Wight, for gravel	6 00	
		$404 34
Balance on hand		$92 76

F. O. DEWEY,
WM. J. WIGHTMAN,
G. C. GLEASON,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
WM. S. RICHARDSON,
S. BANCROFT,
} Committee.

READING, March, 1883.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The trustees of the public library submit the following report:

The town appropriated		$300
Dog licenses		187 49
		$487 49
We have expended for insurance	$ 18 75	
Rent	125 00	
Book Case	23 50	
Books	82 91	
Bills now outstanding:		
Miss Cox for services and labor	$134 00	
Binding books	16 00	
Bills for books	87 33	
		$487 49

Number of books purchased, 124.
Number of books contributed, 18.
Whole number of books in library, 4,793.
Whole number of patrons, 805.
Circulation, 17,011.

Per cent. of circulation:—

Fiction and Juvenile	75
Biography and Travels	15
Poetry and Art	2
Scientific	2
Miscellaneous	6

It will be seen that a very large per cent. of the circulation is fiction and juvenile. The trustees would say that they have aimed to supply the works of the highest and best character of that class.

The increase of the library has been such that there is much need of enlarged accommodations, in order to meet the wishes and demands of the citizens, and to promote the usefulness of the library which has become one of the most valuable institutions of the town.

The trustees again call the attention of the patrons of the library to the importance of more care in using the books. A large number have been worn out during the past year. With proper care on the part of those who use the books this may be avoided in the future.

As our report goes to press, a vacancy occurs in the Board through the death of Hiram Barrus, our Treasurer and Secretary.

Mr. Barrus was born in Goshen, Mass., July 5, 1822, and came to Reading in 1863. He was soon called to take an active part in public affairs, being elected to the School Committee in 1865, and remaining a member of that body until 1876. An earnest friend of every educational movement, he was one of those whose efforts culminated in the establishment of the Public Library in 1868, and being one of the original Board of Trustees, he has continued in service by successive re-elections, until the present time. His literary taste and knowledge of books made him from the first an exceedingly useful member, and his interest in the welfare and improvement of the library never flagged. His researches into the early history of the town, which have been permanently preserved in the published History of Reading, and in the files of the local paper, are of great value.

By his decease the town loses an estimable citizen, whose exemplary private character and faithful public service are so well known as to need no eulogy here; but we desire to record our high appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the educational institutions of the town, and our deep sorrow at the loss we have suffered in his death.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN FOSTER, *Chairman.*
H. G. WADLIN,
WALTER S. PARKER,
JAMES H. GRIGGS,
CYRUS M. BARROWS,
Trustees.

Reading, March, 1883.

LIST OF BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR.

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE.

A Trip Eastward.
Narrative of the Expedition of American Squadron to the China Seas and Japan.
Round the World Letters.
The Land and the Book.
Walks in Rome.
European Breezes.
Paddle and Portage.
A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains.
A Family Flight Through France, Germany, Norway, and Switzerland.
The Mississippi.

FICTION AND JUVENILES.

Ben Hur; a Tale of the Christ.
The Fate of Madame La Tour.
After the Freshet.
Grandmother Normandy.
Sinner and Saint.
The Prince and the Page.
The Seaboard Parish.
To-days and Yesterdays.
On Board the Rocket.
Polly Cologne.
Polly's Scheme.
Yensie Walton.
Yensie Walton's Womanhood.
Tent in the Notch.
Royal Lowrie.
Royal Lowrie's Last Year at St. Olave's.
Anne.
Friends; a Duet.
Hyperion.
Forever and a Day.
Unknown to History.
Aunt Serena.
Brought to Bay.
There is no Place like Home.
Flitters, Tatters, and the Counsellor
The Stolen White Elephant.
A Tallahassee Girl.
Dorothea.
Saints and Sinners.
A Reverand Idol.
The Fortunate Island.
Wrecked but not Lost.
Pride and Passion.
Her Picture.
The Chaplet of Pearls.
Dollars and Cents.
Roxy.
Magnum Bonum.
Echoing and Re-echoing.
From Hand to Hand.
The Bailiff's Maid.
White Wings.
Roy and Viola.
Viva.
Rhona.
Dolores.
Patty's Proprieties.
Leona.
Deep Down.
Her Crime.
Vice Versa, or a Lesson to Fathers.
The Jolly Rover.
Rachel's Share of the Road.
Weighed and Wanting.
A Modern Instance.
The Young Moose Hunters.
The Knockabout Club Alongshore.
Three Vassar Girls Abroad.
Zig-zag Journeys in the Occident.
Doctor Zay.
An Honorable Surrender.
The Story of Helen Troy.
The Mormon Wife.
Janet, a poor Heiress.
The House of a Merchant Prince.
A Transplanted Rose.

HISTORY AND BIOGPAPHY.

Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies in the War of the Rebellion. 8 volumes.
England: Her People, Polity, and Personel.
The Epoch of Reform (in England) 1830–1850.
Prophets of Israel and their Place in History.
Manuel of Historical Literature.

Campaigns of the Civil War, 7 volumes, comprising:
1. The Outbreak of the Rebellion.
2. From Fort Henry to Corinth.
3. McClellan's Campaign of 1862.
4. The Army under Pope.
5. The Antietam and Fredricksburg Campaigns.
6. Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.
7. The Army of the Cumberland.

Great Movements and Those who Achieved them.
The Friendships of Mary Russell Mitford.
Young Folks' History of Mexico.
History of the 14th Reg't., N. H. Volunteers.
American Statesmen (Brief Biographies of) 3 Vols., comprising:
1. John Quincy Adams.
2. Alexander Hamilton.
3. John C. Calhoun.

Charles Lamb. (English Men of Letters Series.)
R. W. Emerson and Thomas Carlyle (Correspondence Between) 2 volumes.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL.

Contagious Diseases of Domestic Animals.
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New Games for Parlor and Lawn.
Oddities in Southern Life and Character.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF READING,

For the Year 1882-3.

REPORT.

The Committee respectfully submit the following report: —

There has been no radical change in any of the schools during the past year. In some of the schools the Committee has noticed a marked improvement, in others the improvement has been slight. As a whole, the schools have advanced. In our report of last year we called attention to the feasibility of allowing the High School Principal to supervise the lower schools a small portion of the time; to visit the schools occasionally, and, by inspection and examination, aid the teachers in improving their work. We believe this year has demonstrated the practicability of the plan. He has acted as the executive of the School Board, and has carried out the various plans suggested by the members of the Committee. The members of the Committee, by occasional visits, inspect the schools, but very seldom really examine them. His line of work is such that he can do better than any member of the Committee.

We call attention to his report as made to us. This does not convey an idea of the many oral reports that he has given to us from time to time. He has taken only a very short time each week, and we believe if he be allowed to continue his work in this direction, it will conduce to lasting good to the schools.

To the School Committee of Reading:

Gentlemen. — By your request, I respectfully submit the following Report: —

Sickness has been a great hindrance in nearly all of the schools, but in none is it more seriously felt than in the lower grades. A day's absence here is a loss which can be made up only by giving another day for the one lost, unless parents take the trouble to fill the place of teacher. — a labor which many parents have not time to give. A system with regard to entering the Lower Primary would facilitate the progress of the classes very much. Pupils entering at all times of the year make it exceedingly hard for the teacher to do justice to any class of beginners. When most enter at the beginning of the year and are well started, a single scholar coming in

later with no preparation, detracts from the class more than his proper share of the time and attention of the teacher. Let all who are of proper age enter in the fall and spring, and a large part of the inconvenience of new-comers would be removed, and promotion of scholars, better prepared, would result.

Too much cannot be said in favor of Parker's Arithmetical Chart, which has been introduced during the past year. It excites an interest in the subject of numbers, which is pleasing to witness, and the enthusiastic manner of recitation, shows how far from dullness are those engaged in the study. In judging of any teacher's work, one must take into consideration the class of pupils under his charge. It so comes about that a very smart class is often followed by one containing not as many bright intellects, and, consequently, it is impossible to bring up the standard each year in any grade to the same degree of excellence. That teacher who takes a class containing many of those who need special drill, should have corresponding praise for excellence of work done. While in the matter of writing, our Primary schools do not stand as high as many, the degree of neatness and evident effort should not pass unnoticed.

The Lower Medium is, in many respects, highly favored. Entering the school as a class naturally above the average of classes, with a preparation better than ordinary, they have well sustained their reputation. For neatness and excellence in all their work, especially in drawing and writing, they stand far above the average. More mental arithmetic is especially desirable, beginning with this grade and extending through all the higher grades. The Upper Medium has been favored with a good attendance, and a corresponding amount of good work. There are some in this school who find it exceedingly difficult to keep up with the studies assigned, and the work which the majority of the school could easily do. A false idea of promotion prevails in some minds, and the evil effects are noticeable in this school. Without a sure foundation it is impossible to build a good structure, and it is as impossible to succeed in school work without first having thoroughly mastered the rudiments. The same might be said of the Third Grammar. There are some reckoned among the class utterly incompetant to do the simplest work of the class, and, besides wasting there own time in work beyond there capacity, they are a serious hindrance to those who are able and desirous to advance. Let it be understood and repeated, that it is no disgrace to remain in the same school two years, provided one is not competent to thoroughly complete the work.

There has been a marked improvement during the year in the Second Grammar. It is manifest in the better order, in the greater care about doing work, and in the general spirit and tone. There is still room for great improvement. A listless, don't-care spirit, is hard to overcome, and a general backwardness cannot be remedied in a few months. The First Grammar has kept up its reputation for general interest and progress. It is

no easy task to amalgamate so different material from all parts of the town into one homogeneous whole. Here, as nowhere else, a comparison can be drawn as to the success of the different schools, which furnish pupils for this. If in any branches we are behind other towns, having like grade of schools, it is more manifest in arithmetic and writing, defects which must begin to be remedied in the lowest grades. The arrangement of the course of study made by the committee during the past year is eminently fitted to overcome this obstacle, and a hearty union of effort on the part of committee and teachers cannot be too earnestly urged. The schools at Walnut street seem to be working under needless disadvantage: the lower section being in quarters too cramped for the best work, and the higher in a room so large as to put teacher and scholar at a distance incompatible with any true teaching. Now this waste of room could be utilized to the infinite advantage and health of most concerned, and the town cannot too early put the house in a suitable place, and the inside arrangements in a suitable condition to do the work which that part of the town demands.

The Woburn-street Schools have some of the best material, and it is well developed in the Primary Department. Want of harmony between parents and teachers destroys the best teaching and influence, and this may account for some defects in the Upper Department. Lack of accuracy has been the most glaring fault in the Lowell street School. It is not the amount of ground gone over, though that is much, which tells, but the thoroughness with which whatever is undertaking is accomplished. No teacher can afford to let inaccuracies pass by unnoticed, however much it may mar the good show of a school to call attention and correct whatever is wrong.

Our schools most remote from the centre furnish us with many glad surprises. Considering the fewness of the numbers, there is and must be that lack of enthusiasm which large numbers create, and yet for thorough, intelligent teaching, these out-districts furnish bright examples.

One caution is always needed in rooms where there are stoves used for heating, lest in the teachers becoming so interested in teaching as to forget the draughts, and expose the children to too great heat and cold.

A true devotion to the work of teaching will not think it too great a burden to use faithfully all the time allotted during the school year. Taking out legal holidays, and those set apart by the committee, for gaining information from others in regard to the best methods of teaching, taking out those days in which the state of the weather actually prevents many from attending school, there remains full little time enough to do the work required as it should be, without watching and wishing for one-session days and every holiday which every neighboring city and town may have.

Respectfully,

E. P. FITTS.

DRAWING.

Industrial drawing has been introduced into all of the schools the past year, to meet the requirements of the law. Instruction in this branch has been governed by the proficiency of the pupils, as no uniform grade work could be fixed, beeause of the want of previous tuition. The primary schools, however, commenced with the first, or rudimentary, work, and as the pupils advance they will take the series of lessons in their regular order.

MUSIC.

Music has received the attention one would expect under the efficient guide of so popular a teacher as Mr. H. G. Carey, whose services we were fortunate in securing for the winter term, and hope to retain for the ensuing year. This pleasing and instructive part in the routine of school studies, has been given once every week in the centre schools, and every two weeks, on the average, in the outlying district schools. For the spring and fall terms the matter of music was put under the charge of Mr. S. H. Hadley, who brought to his work a conscientious fidelity that met the appreciation of the committee.

PENMANSHIP.

More consideration has been given to improving the penmanship of the scholars, and many of the schools exhibit a progress that is most gratifying. This has been supplemented by two private evening writing schools under the direction of professional penmen, who have been given the use of necessary room in two of the central buildings.

ATTENDANCE.

There has been a good deal of absenteeism during the winter term, owing to the prevalence of diphtheretic affections, either real or supposed, and other sickness, that the frequent and sudden changes of climate have induced.

There have been some cases which seemed to call for the execution of the law pertaining to truancy. The law of the state is found in Chapter 48, Sections 10–17, and in conformity to its requirements the town of Reading adopted, in public meeting, April 3, 1882, the following by-laws, which were approved by Judge Brooks, of the Probate Court at Cambridge :—

Sec. 1. All children between the ages of 7 and 15 years, residing in the town of Reading, and who may be found wandering about in the streets and public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Reform School in Lowell, Mass., for confinement, instruction, and discipline.

Sec. 2. There shall be appointed annually two or more truant officers, who shall be under the direction of the school committee, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws relating to compulsory education and do all acts required of them by the laws of the Commonwealth.

Sec. 3. All previously enacted by-laws relating to truancy are hereby repealed.

The committee have appointed Edward F. Parker and Wm. L. Crowe truant officers.

The law further sets forth that every person having control of children between 8 and 14 years of age shall annually cause the same to attend some public day school for at least twenty weeks, which time shall be divided into two terms, each of ten consecutive weeks. The penalty attached to the neglect of this provision is twenty dollars.

We hope parents and guardians will take such cognizance of the foregoing law, as to relieve the committee from the necessity of enforcing it.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

In the latter part of last October the towns of Melrose, Wakefield, North Reading, Wilmington and Methuen, joined the town of Reading in holding a Teachers' Institute, at the latter place, for two days, under the immediate direction of the State Board of Education. The citizens and teachers of Reading are entitled to more than the ordinary amount of thanks for the hospitable manner in which they extended welcome to the guests on that occasion, and thus contributed largely in making the affair one, if not the most successful Institute of the season, held within the state.

VACANCIES.

There will be three vacancies at the end of this year, to be filled at the ensuing town meeting.

Mr. Stillman E. Parker and Mr. Edward F. Parker, whose terms expire March 31. Walter S. Parker resigned March 10th, to take effect March 31, 1883.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We suggest that the sum of $8,100 be appropriated for the schools, and $700 for incidentals.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*
STILLMAN E. PARKER,
JAMES A. BANCROFT,
EDWARD F. PARKER,
GEORGE E. PUTNEY,
HENRY G. KITTRIDGE. *Secretary.*

Members of School Committee of Reading.

Adopted in School Committee:
March 17, 1883.

Table showing Salaries, Attendance, and Number of Visitors.

NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	No of visitors.	TEACHERS NOW EMPLOYED.	SALARIES NOW PAID.	Average Mem'ship.			Average Attend'nce.			Pupils during yr over 15 years.	Pupils during yr under 5 years.
				1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.	1st Term.	2d Term.	3d Term.		
High School	103	E. P. Fitts, Principal Miss Mary L Stinchfield, 1st Assistant Miss Cora F. Adams, 2d Assistant	$1,200 00 per year 12 00 per week 9 00 "	86	69	66	83	67	63	58	....
First Grammar	115	Miss Jennie R. Barrus	13 00 "	28	40	41	26	39	39	8	....
Second Grammar	82	Miss Alice M. Barrows	12 00 "	30	36	33	29	35	29	6	....
Third Grammar	91	Miss A. M. Buswell	10 00 "	27	34	34	26	33	33	....	....
Upper Medium	105	Miss Ella F. Wakefield	10 00 "	32	38	37	30	37	34	....	....
Lower Medium	132	Mrs. Alice W. Emerson	10 00 "	33	30	30	31	28	25	....	....
Union-st. Upper Primary	131	Mrs. Sarah A. Goodridge	10 00 "	53	48	50	50	45	43	....	....
Union-st. Lower Primary	149	Miss Ruth L. Pratt	10 00 "	58	43	38	53	37	30	....	....
Walnut-st. Primary	53	Miss Mary W. Howard	6 00 "	27	30	29	25	27	23	....	1
Walnut-st. Grammar	74	Miss Sarah M. Pearson	8 00 "	13	19	19	10	17	17	2	....
Woburn-st. Primary	65	Miss Martha F. Davis	7 50 "	33	30	30	31	28	26	...	....
Woburn-st. Grammar	85	Miss Clara J Coney	12 00 "	31	36	33	30	34	31	....	....
Lowell-st Mixed	53	Miss Kate L. Beard	8 00 "	32	36	27	30	34	24	....	....
Main-st. Mixed	17	Miss Maud F. Littlefield	6 00 "	9	10	9	9	10	8	....	....
Haverhill-st. Mixed	50	Miss Z. A. Wakefield	6 00 "	12	16	17	10	16	15	....	1
	1,305			504	515	493	473	487	440	74	2

APPENDIX.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading		3,118
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May 1882		527
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May 1882		309
Amount appropriated for instruction, fuel, and care of rooms	$8,000 00	
Amount appropriated for incidentals	700 00	
Amount drawn from State School Fund	249 97	
Amount received from other sources	16 05	
Total receipts		$8,966 02
Expended for instruction, fuel and care of rooms	$8,207 47	
Expended for incidentals	523 13	
Expended for books, &c	235 42	
Total expenditure		$8,966 02

PUPILS.

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year	618
Average membership of all the schools	504
Average attendance in all the schools during the year	467
The per cent. of attendance based upon the average membership	.92
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory school-age)	358

Number of pupils admitted to the High School	215
Youngest pupil admitted, age	12 years 1 month.
Oldest " " "	16 " 8 "
Average age of pupil admitted	14 " 3 "

TEACHERS.

Number of male teachers employed	1
Nnmber of female teachers employed	16
Average wages per month of female teachers	$37 37½
Number of teachers who have attended Normal Schools	8
Number of teachers graduated from Normal Schools	8

NAMES OF PUPILS GRADUATED FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL JUNE, 1882.

Lottie H. Allen,
Hattie E. Austin,
Martha E. Babb,
S. Lizzie Batchelder,
Alice E. Broad,
Laurie E. Clark,
F. Mabel Cummings,
L. Fannie Cummings,
Hattie F. Damon,
Hattie C. Eaton,
M. Alice Emerson,
Mary F. Foote,
Hattie M. Foster,
Ella F. Gray,
Grace M. Holden,
Louise D. Hooton,
Cora F. Hunter,
Annie C. Lawrence,
Laura C. Melendy,
Anna M. Moulton,
Georgia P. Pendergrace,
Effie M. Sanborn,
Lillian V. Smith,
Hattie V. Stone,
S. E. Wigglesworth,
M. Fannie Wilson,
Edward F. Atkinson,
Fred W. Atkinson,
George G. Pearson,
Charles F. Reid.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving the names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1882, and the schools to which they belong;

HIGH SCHOOL.

Hattie N. Richardson, †Nathaniel G. Hill.

*Mary A. Bancroft,
§Emma M. Damon,
Annie P. Channell,
Hattie B. Lewis.
Lillia F. Kidder.

FIRST GRAMMAR.

Emma F. Berry,
Lizzie A. Parker.

SECOND GRAMMAR.

Winefred Emerson,
*Mamie Vermille,
‡Kirke P. Sanborn.

THIRD GRAMMAR.

Edith P. Parker,
Minnie L. Jones,
†Henry W. Jones,
Louis G. Hill

LOWER MEDIUM.

*Mary L. Temple.

UPPER PRIMARY.

Susie Berry.

WOBURN STREET GRAMMAR.

Hattie Corkins,
†Lucy Roby,
Crissie Copeland.

HAVERHILL STREET MIXED.

Edith Wakefield.

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*Neither absent nor tardy in two years.
†Neither absent nor tardy in three years.
‡Neither absent nor tardy in four years.
§Neither absent nor tardy in six years.

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS.

INSTRUCTION.

Paid for teaching High School	$1,998	00	
First Grammar	481	00	
Second Grammar	456	00	
Third Grammar	407	00	
Woburn Street Grammar	456	00	
Walnut Street Grammar	304	00	
Upper Medium	351	00	
Lower Medium	375	00	
Union Street Upper Primary	380	00	
Union Street Lower Primary	380	00	
Woburn Street Primary	267	00	
Walnut Street Primary	228	00	
Lowell Street Mixed	322	00	
Haverhill Street Mixed	228	00	
Main Street Mixed	217	20	
Music	337	39	
			$7,187 59

JANITORS.

Paid for care of Centre School buildings	$317	00	
Woburn Street School buildings	68	60	
Walnut Street School buildings.	52	00	
Lowell Street School buildings.	31	75	
Main Street School buildings	28	50	
Haverhill Street School buildings	38	00	
			535 85
Amount carried forward,			$7,723 44

Amount brought forward,		$7,723 44

FUEL.

Paid Wendell Bancroft, for coal	$28 00	
J. C. Gleason, "	317 25	
J. L. Parker, for wood	79 09	
E. F. Parker, "	31 50	
Labor on wood	28 19	
		484 03
Total amount expended		$8.207 47
Receipts: —		
Appropriation	$8,000 00	
Drawn from School Fund	207 47	
		8,207 47

STATE SCHOOL FUND.

Balance, March, 1882	$176 48	
Received from Treasurer of Commonwealth	201 76	
		378 24
Expended for tuition	$207 47	
" for books, etc., on incidental account	42 50	
Amount remaining unexpended	128 27	
		378 24

TUITION OF NON-RESIDENTS.

Received	13 00
Paid into treasury on incidental account	13 00

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Citizens gas light Co., gas for High School building	$17 50	
Wm. Damon, statistical table	7 50	
C. C. Gerry, erasers	18 76	
Allen & Noble, call-bell	1 00	
C. A. F. Emery, printing	9 00	
New England School Furnishing Co., maps	2 25	
S. H. Hadley, music books	19 00	
Amount carried forward,	$75 01	

Amount brought forwad,	$75	01
Paid D. Appleton & Co , maps	9	45
Thompson, Brown & Co., books	25	00
Willard Small, books	53	90
R. S. Davis & Co., books	32	50
Lang's Express, for expressage and keys	4	35
A. D. Albee, ink wells	27	68
Ginn, Heath & Co., book	1	01
Copeland & Bowser, shades, fixtures, etc.	4	08
A. T. Holden, expense on pump	10	70
W. H. Twombley, printing	1	50
A. H. Murray, diplomas	8	00
C. M. Barrows, printing	15	00
S. R. Roby, labor	13	36
J. F. Runnells, labor	3	00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	21	49
Merrimac Chemical Co., chemicals for High School		86
M. E. Nichols, painting and glazing	121	82
T. W. Gilson, books	5	00
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, ink	10	00
D. Lothrop, books	10	50
N. W. Broad, repairs	68	85
Burditt & Williams, hooks		62
S. M. Hall, labor and material	6	52
Garfield & Co., blackboards	4	00
Melvin Batchelder		50
A. W. Danforth, books	14	82
Boston School Supply Co., apparatus and books	47	33
Ward & Gay, napkins for Teachers' Institute	3	25
J. C. Richardson, horse hire, Teachers' Institute	4	00
Amount carried forward,	$604	10

Amount brought forward	$604 10	
Paid G. W. Atkinson, sundries	10 40	
H. G. Kittredge, sundries	10 23	
Lyceum Hall Association, use of hall for Institute	25 00	
Titus & Stevens, sundries	20 62	
A. S. Richardson, repairs on pump	1 50	
H. G. Wadlin, lettering diplomas	5 00	
W. S. Parker, dictionary	4 00	
E. F. Parker, labor and material	8 43	
Daniel Pratt's Sons, repairs of clock	50	
G. O. Batchelder, rent of Main street school lot	5 00	
Cummings' Express, fees	6 55	
Parker & Stone, sundries	19 98	
Wm. H. Willis & Son, books, etc	10 04	
T. Littlefield, repairs and material	8 60	
R. L. Been, repairing clock	75	
Old South Parish, use of church	15 00	
S. E. Parker, cash paid for repairs	60	
C. A. F. Emery & Co., printing	2 25	
		758 55
Receipts: —		
Appropriation	700 00	
From tuition of non-residents	13 00	
For books	3 05	
Drawn from School Fund	42 50	
		758 55

Reading's Educational Statistics for Twenty Years.

COLLATED FROM THE REPORTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TABLE A.

For Twenty Years, or From 1840—41 To 1859—60.

Years in Table.		From Vols. Nos. 5-24.	Population of the Town.	Valuation of the Town.	Raised by Taxes for Public Schools, including Wages of Teachers, Board, Fuel, Care of Fires and School-Rooms.	No. of Public Schools.	No. of diff't sch'lrs in the Public Schools du'g the School yr.	Average attend'ce in the Pub. Schools during the School yr.	No. of sch'lars in town bet. 5 & 15 yrs. of age on the 1st of May	Scholars over 15 years of age who attended the Pub. Schools	Scholars under 5 years of age who attended the Pub. Sch'ls.	No. of different Teachers in the Public Schools.		No of Teachers fm Nor. Sch'ls.	No. Graduates of Nor. Sch'ls.	Average wages of Teachers per month, including the value of board.		Aggregate length of the Public Schools for the year, in mos. and days.		Average length, as returned by the Town Committee.	
												Mal's	Fe-mal's			Males.	Fem's.	Mos.	Ds	Mos.	Ds
1	1840–41	5																			
2	1841–42	6																			
3	1842–43	7																			
4	1843–44	8																			
5	1844–45	9																			
6	1845–46	*10	2,193	$463,024 61	$1,300 00	11	610	408	616	†36	‡46	6	11	....	§	$29 16	$12 60	77	...	7	...
7	1846–47	*11	2,193	463,024 61	1,500 00	11	592	468	635	†36	‡41	6	11	....	§ § §	32 05	13 75	85	14	7	16
8	1847–48	*12	2,193	463,024 61	1,800 00	11	598	478	593	†38	‡33	5	12	....	§	31 60	14 42	89	21	8	04
9	1848–49	*13	2,193	463,024 61	2,000 00	11	585	414	654	†32	‡37	6	12	....	§	31 67	15 50	96	14	8	15
10	1849–50	14	3,044	463,024 61	2,000 00	12	616	468	544	70	80	6	12	....	....	31 50	16 84	100	15	8	08
11	1850–51	15	3,108	1,071,042 00	2,000 00	12	625	468	579	63	73	6	13	....	....	31 22	17 94	92	10	7	14
12	1851–52	16	3,108	1,071,042 00	2,000 00	13	621	460	546	70	68	6	14	....	....	33 42	17 50	96	19	7	09
13	1852–53	17	3,108	1,071,042 00	2,500 00	13	672	503	617	62	64	6	17	....	....	35 83	18 58	111	10	8	12
14	1853–54	18	3,108	1,071,042 00	2,000 00	8	452	334	415	44	33	3	9	....	....	43 49	19 20	69	01	8	13
15	1854–55	19	3,108	1,071,042 00	2,500 00	9	482	362	447	51	31	3	10	....	....	43 33	18 96	82	06	9	03
16	1855–56	20	2,522	1,071,042 00	2,500 00	9	475	373	521	26	17	3	12	....	....	41 89	19 13	77	07	8	12
17	1856–57	21	2,522	1,071,042 00	2,600 00	10	525	387	487	64	11	2	14	....	....	50 00	21 56	80	...	8	...
18	1857–58	22	2,522	1,071,042 00	3,000 00	10	555	433	502	84	23	3	9	....	....	54 61	21 87	83	18	8	08
19	1858–59	23	2,522	1,071,042 00	2,500 00	12	409	393	502	69	22	3	11	....	....	68 40	21 19	88	07	7	07
20	1859-60	24	2,522	1,071,042 00	3,000 00	13	504	404	553	36	27	2	11	....	....	47 90	18 90	108	05	8	07
Averages.....			2,664	$868,369 54	$2,213 33	11	561	424	547	53	40	4	12	....	....	$40 40	$17 87	89	07	8	03

* In vols. Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13, scholars are rated between 4 and 16 years of age.
§ 22 days in a month.

† Scholars over 16 years of age.
‡ Scholars under 4 years of age.

Reading's Educational Statistics for Twenty-one Years.

COLLATED FROM THE REPORTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

TABLE A.

Years in Table. For Twenty-one Years, or From 1860—61 To 1880—81.	From Vols. Nos. 25-45.	Population of the Town.	Valuation of the Town.	Raised by Taxes for Public Schools, including Wages of Teachers, Board, Fuel, Care of Fires and School-Rooms.	No. of Public Schools.	No. of diff't Sch'lrs in the Public Schools dur'g the School y'r.	Av'rge attend'nce in the P'blic Schools during the School y'r.	No. Sch'lrs in Town betw'n 5 & 15 y'rs of age on the 1st of May	Scholars over 15 years of age who attend'd the P'blic Schools	Scholars under 5 years of age who attend'd the P'blic Schools	No. of different Teachers in the Public Schools. Mal's	Fe-mal's	No. Teachers fr. Nor. Schools.	No. Graduates of Nor. Schools.	Average Wages of Teachers per Month, including the Value of Board. Males.	Fe-males	Aggregate length of the P'blic Schools for the y'r in months and days. Mos.	Ds	Average length, as returned by the Town Committee. Mos.	Ds
1	1860-61	25	2,662	$1,269,570 00	$3,000 00	13	542	433	540	47	20	1	12	....	....	$60 00	$20 05	114	07	8	16
2	1861-62	26	2,662	1,269,570 00	2,500 00	13	577	457	561	53	22	1	12	....	....	55 50	18 69	108	..	8	06
3	1862-63	27	2,662	1,269,570 00	2,500 00	13	582	434	540	54	23	1	12	....	....	60 00	17 25	110	01	8	09
4	1863-64	28	2,662	1,269,570 00	2,500 00	13	558	449	543	54	18	1	12	....	....	70 00	18 33	104	17	8	01
5	1864-65	29	2,436	1,293,056 00	3,500 00	13	543	454	515	52	17	1	12	....	....	70 00	22 84	115	05	8	17
6	1865-66	30	2,436	1,293,056 00	4,000 00	12	536	446	510	54	16	2	13	....	....	95 00	26 73	103	18	8	15
7	1866-67	31	2,436	1,293,056 00	4,500 00	13	587	484	598	27	13	1	14	....	....	100 00	27 50	115	03	8	17
8	1867-68	32	2,436	1,293,056 00	4,750 00	14	674	476	561	42	15	1	19	....	....	108 10	27 50	113	05	8	02
9	1868-69	33	2,436	1,293,056 00	5,000 00	14	599	464	520	44	15	2	23	....	....	111 11	32 00	120	..	8	12
10	1869-70	34	2,664	1,293,056 00	5,500 00	14	578	485	520	65	21	1	17	....	....	166 67	35 04	113	..	8	..
11	1870-71	35	2,664	1,293,056 00	7,000 00	14	550	483	547	82	6	1	25	....	....	167 00	37 00	127	10	9	02
12	1871-72	36	2,664	1,850,653 00	7,000 00	14	610	499	585	88	15	1	21	....	....	166 67	40 00	121	02	8	18
13	1872-73	37	2,664	1,702,763 48	8,000 00	14	547	480	532	87	7	1	22	....	....	200 00	38 25	125	..	8	19
14	1873-74	38	2,664	1,702,763 48	8,500 00	14	608	520	552	68	9	1	20	....	....	200 00	41 40	126	..	9	..
15	1874-75	39	3,186	2,337,407 00	11,000 00	13	600	503	525	95	15	1	16	....	....	200 00	50 37	117	..	9	..
16	1875-76	40	3,186	2,377,630 00	9,426 61	14	607	471	537	95	4	1	19	6	....	184 62	42 50	126	10	9	15
17	1876-77	41	3,186	2,376,662 00	8,500 00	14	599	458	482	114	6	3	18	7	....	94 74	42 11	133	..	9	10
18	1877-78	42	3,186	2,360,437 00	8,500 00	14	550	457	454	117	10	2	16	2	2	92 92	40 25	136	10	9	15
19	1878-79	43	3,186	2,377,061 00	8,000 00	14	590	457	475	139	7	2	17	4	4	87 80	35 85	136	10	9	15
20	1879-80	44	3,181	2,457,816 00	7,500 00	15	607	473	487	107	20	2	16	4	4	87 80	38 00	142	10	9	10
21	1880-81	45	3,181	2,523,165 00	8,000 00	15	594	460	498	89	5	2	22	5	5	105 25	37 75	142	10	9	10
Averages,.....			2,972	$2,103,404 13	$7,028 17	15	588	464	513	82	10	2	20	5	4	$112 07	$35 14	131	09	9	4

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TABLE B.					FIRST SERIES.			SECOND SERIES.			THIRD SERIES.			Unincor. Academies and Private schools.			
Years in Table.	No. of towns in State.	For twenty years, or from 1840-41 to 1859-60.	From Vols. Nos. 5-24.	Town's share of the Massachusetts School Fund.	Money appropr'ted for each scholar in town, between 5 and 15 years of age.	Position of the town with the 333 towns of the State on its appropriations.	Position of the town with the 52 towns of the county.	Percentage of valuat'n appropt'd to Public Sch's, given in mills and hund'rths of mls.	Position of the town with the 333 towns of the State on its valuation.	Position of the town with the 52 towns of the county.	Ratio of attendance of whole No. of children bet. 5 & 15 yrs of age, expres'd in decimals.	Position of the town with the 333 towns of the State on its ratio of attendance.	Position of the town with the 52 towns of the county.	No. of schools.	Ave. No. of scholars.	Aggregate paid for tuition.	Amount contributed for board and fuel for the Public Schools.
1	304	1840-41	5														
2	304	1841-42	6														
3	304	1842-43	7														
4	304	1843-44	8														
5	304	1844-45	9	.....	.....	156	38	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	309	1845-46	10	.....	2.110	180	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... .	3	115	$660 00	.....
7	311	1846-47	11	.....	2.360	146	40	.....	.....	.....	.74-00	94	25	5	159	768 00	$15 00
8	313	1847-48	12	.....	3.040	66	28	.....	.....	.....	.80-00	32	10	4	125	1,532 00	6 00
9	315	1848-49	13	.....	3.058	78	30	.....	.....	.....	.63-15	185	39	3	51	146 00	.....
10	316	1849-50	14	.....	3.676	84	27	.....	.....	.....	.86-03	67	18	1	20	59 00	.....
11	321	1850-51	15	$111 70	3 509	110	34	.....	.....	.....	.80-66	87	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	322	1851-52	16	124 49	3.663	111	38	.001 87	140	26	.84-25	55	18	1	22	260 00	.....
13	322	1852-53	17	121 48	4.052	87	31	2 33	67	11	.81-52	96	21	1	25	50 00	.....
14	328	1853-54	18	96 82	4.819	58	24	2 71	41	12	.80-48	80	24	1	20	200 00	.....
15	330	1854-55	19	99 60	5.593	45	26	3 17	29	7	.80-98	72	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	331	1855-56	20	99 23	4.798	86	33	3 17	43	11	.70-82	193	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	332	1856-57	21	105 94	5.339	75	30	3 36	43	12	.79-47	85	23	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	332	1857-58	22	103 49	5.976	57	26	3 92	29	11	.86-25	67	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	332	1858-59	23	105 42	4.982	96	32	3 27	57	15	.78-29	123	31	1	10	50 00	.....
20	333	1859-60	24	105 42	5.425	77	28	3 74	42	11	.73-06	206	43	.....	.....	.....	.....
Averages.....				$107 36	4.160	94	31	.003 06	55	13	.84-21	103	25	1	37	$248 33	$1 50

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Years in Table.	No. of Towns in State.	TABLE B. For Twenty-one Years, or From 1860-61 To 1880-81.	From Vols. Nos. 25-45.	Amount expended for Erecting School-Houses.	Amount expended for Repairing School Houses.	Expense of Superintendence by the School Committee, including the Salary of the Superintendent.	Expenses of Printing the School Reports, &c.	Town's Share of the Massachusetts School Fund.	How much of said Fund was used for Apparatus and Books of Reference.	FIRST SERIES. Money appropriated for each Scholar in town between 5 and 15 years of age.	FIRST SERIES. Position of the town with the 345 towns of the State on its Appropriation.	FIRST SERIES. Position of the Town with all the 54 Towns of the County.	SECOND SERIES. Per cent. age of valuat'n appropriated for Public Schools, giv'n in mills and 100ths of m'ls	SECOND SERIES. Position of the town with the 345 towns of the State on its Valuation.	SECOND SERIES. Position of the Town with all the 54 Towns of the County.	THIRD SERIES. Ratio of att'ndnce of whole numb'r of ch'ldr'n bet. 5 & 15 yrs. age, exp'r'd in decim'ls.	THIRD SERIES. Position of the Town with the 345 Towns of the State on its Ratio of Attendance.	THIRD SERIES. Position of the Town with the 54 Towns of the County.	Series in State Combined.	Series in County Combined.
1	334	1860-61	25					$113 36		$5.55	87	33	.092-36	68	12	.80-19	107	22	87	22
2	334	1861-62	26					105 30		4.456	175	49	1-97	159	31	.81-46	126	31	153	37
3	334	1862-63	27					110 70		4.630	115	34	1-97	116	20	.80-46	138	32	123	29
4	334	1863-64	28					124 89		4.604	131	38	1-97	133	25	.82-69	89	19	118	27
5	334	1864-65	29					126 69		6.796	56	22	2-71	39	5	.88-16	45	13	47	13
6	335	1865-66	30			$269 00		151 50		7.843	46	18	3-09	46	8	.87-75	52	11	48	12
7	335	1866-67	31			200 00		.....		7.525	75	28	3-48	42	8	.80-94	101	23	73	20
8	335	1867-68	32	$12,259		173 00		238 79		8.467	68	26	3-67	89	15	.84-94	66	15	64	19
9	335	1868-69	33		$221 91	227 25		181 25		9.615	55	22	3-87	65	15	.89-33	31	7	50	15
10	335	1869-70	34		1,191 10	250 00		185 97		10.577	53	21	4-25	64	15	.93-17	27	9	48	15
11	337	1870-71	35		310 00	200 00		245 35		12.797	36	18	5-41	25	9	.88-30	48	12	36	13
12	340	1871-72	36		1,100 00	200 00		209 43		11.966	60	24	3-78	76	10	.85-30	64	15	67	16
13	340	1872-73	37		1,150 00	250 00		212 25		15.037	36	18	4-70	22	5	.90-23	21	8	26	10
14	340	1873-74	38		647 00	160 00	$30 00	197 97		15.398	43	19	4-39	25	6	.94-20	25	16	31	14
15	340	1874-75	39		575 00	250 00	60 00	280 98		20.952	13	8	4-71	39	3	.95-81	6	6	21	6
16	341	1875-76	40		1,400 00	.....	35 00	255 26		17.554	22	12	3-96	61	7	.87-71	16	18	50	12
17	342	1876-77	41		493 54	275 00	50 00	232 46		17.635	22	13	3-58	106	10	.95-02	24	6	51	10
18	342	1877-78	42		403 89	258 00	50 00	204 94		18.722	15	9	3-60	113	10	1.00-66	11	3	46	7
19	344	1878-79	43		213 74	265 00	50 00	220 01		16.840	19	10	3-37	151	16	.96-21	22	6	64	11
20	345	1879-80	44		436 04	275 00	50 00	197 05		15.400	21	12	3-05	172	20	.97-13	13	5	69	12
21	345	1880-81	45		529 55	275 00	50 00	197 53	$35 87	16.064	19	10	3-17	159	19	.92-37	26	8	..	..
Averages.....					$604 03	$248 91	$48 22	$188 63		13.841	38	16	.003-34	119	16	.90-67	40	11	64	16

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TABLE C.			HIGH SCHOOLS.							UNINCOR'AT'D ACADEMIES AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS.			
Years in Table.	For Twenty-one Years, or From 1860-61 To 1880-81.	From Vols. Nos. 25-45.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	How Supported.	Length. Mos.	Length. Days	Salary of Principal.	No. of Schools.	Average No. of Scholars.	Aggregate paid for Tuition.	Amount contributed for Board and Fuel for the Public Schools.
1	1860-61	25	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	1861-62	26	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	1862-63	27	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	1863-64	28	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$82 00
5	1864-65	29	....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	1865-66	30	1	....	....	Taxation.	10	....	$1,000 00	3	20	$100 00	85 00
7	1866-67	31	1	....	....	"	10	....	1,000 00	3	10	100 00	100 00
8	1867-68	32	1	....	....	"	9	05	1,000 00	1	10	50 00	72 00
9	1868-69	33	1	....	....	"	9	....	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....	500 00
10	1869-70	34	1	....	....	"	9	....	1,500 00	1	10	30 00	500 00
11	1870-71	35	1	....	....	"	9	....	1,500 00	1	10	50 00	300 00
12	1871-72	36	1	....	....	"	9	....	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....	275 00
13	1872-73	37	1	....	...	"	9	....	1,800 00	.....	.....	.....	375 00
14	1873-74	38	1	....	....	"	9	....	1,800 00	1	15	75 00	.....
15	1874-75	39	1	....	....	"	9	....	1,800 00	1	10	100 00	.....
16	1875-76	40	1	2	76	"	9	15	1,800 00	1	10	150 00	.....
17	1876-77	41	1	2	110	"	9	10	1,500 00	1	10	150 00	.....
18	1877-78	42	1	2	114	"	9	15	1,500 00	2	15	200 00	.....
19	1878-79	43	1	2	123	"	9	15	1,400 00	2	12	175 00	.....
20	1879-80	44	1	2	139	"	9	10	1,400 00	2	15	200 00	.....
21	1880-81	45	1	3	108	"	9	10	1,000 00	2	18	324 00	.....
Averages.....			1	2	110	"	9	9	$1,216 66	2	13	$196 50	$134 65

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, ss.

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Reading.

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the second day of April, A. D. 1883, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.: —

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery, and Auditors.

Art. 3. To choose a Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, two School Committee for three years, and one

for one year; one Road Commissioner for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and two for two years, and all other necessary town officers.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of sections twenty-two and twenty-three of chapter fifty of the public statutes.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will revoke its acceptance of the provisions of the one hundred and fifty-eighth chapter of the laws of this State, enacted in the year 1871, and abolish the Board of Road Commissioners chosen and constituted under said law, and substitute therefor the best practical road builder available, for the best interests of the town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of laying concrete sidewalks and edgestones the ensuing year; provided the abutters pay one-half the expense of laying the same.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the improvement of the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. "Shall licences be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town"?

Art. 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to lowering or removing and remodeling the Walnut-street schoolhouse, and to see if they will sell the lot on which the house now stands, or what they will do in relation thereto, and to see how much money they will raise and appropriate for the purpose.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will employ a night watch the ensuing year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will erect a brick

building on the lot of land owned by them, situated on the corner of Pleasant and Parker streets, for town offices, to include a fire-proof room for the preservation of the town's records and other valuables, accommodation for the Public Library, Eagle engine and company, Hooks and Ladders and company, and for a lockup, substantially in accordance with a plan submitted at the annual meeting, April 3, 1882, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will purchase, for school purposes, the house and land now occupied by the Baptist Church, located on Salem street.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will cause a bridge to be built over the Boston & Maine R. R., at the Highland station, so as to connect the two parts of Mineral street, and to see how much money shall be raised and appropriated therefor.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will construct a reservoir at the intersection of Charles and Pearl streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will erect and maintain street lights at the corner of Washington and Minot streets, Main and Avon streets, also at a point one hundred and fifty feet south of Avon, on Main street, corner of John and Parker streets, corner of Lincoln and Prescott streets, and corner of Woburn and Lincoln and corner of Prescott and Arlington streets, so called.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the subject of the introduction of a water supply for Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will instruct the Road Commissioners to build a crosswalk across Main street, from the corner of Pleasant street to the

opposite sidewalk, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to build a sidewalk from Centre avenue to Main street.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Road Commissioners on widening Elliott street, between Parker and Green streets, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor.

Art. 20. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners in relation to guideposts.

Art. 21. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairing highways and bridges, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of police, cemetery, public library, Old South clock, soldiers' graves, interest on the town debt, reduction of the town debt, and miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the payment of the following notes: —

One for $800.00, due April 10, 1883.
One for 2,000.00, due May 1, 1883.
One for 300.00, due May 30, 1883.
One for 500.00, due July 8, 1883.
One for 3,000.00, due Aug. 17, 1883.
One for 1,000.00, due Feb. 1, 1884.
One for 500.00, due Feb. 1, 1884.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will purchase five hundred feet of new hose, and see how much money

they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars, for the purpose of repairing and arching the well at the corner of Green and Elliott streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see what instructions the town will give their Assessors and Collector.

Art. 27. To hear and act on a list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

Art. 28. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the removal of snow the ensuing year.

Art. 29. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will authorize their Selectmen to collect, by process of law, a bill due from the City of Malden for supplies furnished Sarah L. Penney.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings therein, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1883.

JAMES REID,
WILLIAM J. HOLDEN,
JOSEPH L. PRATT,
Selectmen of Reading.

A true copy. Attest :

WILLIAM L. CROWE,
Constable.